

REED ADMITS HE IS OUT OF RACE

Washington, March 23.—Senator James A. Reed of Missouri admits he is out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination and declares that he seeks no further recognition by way of election as a delegate to the national convention from the Missouri Democracy. Reed eliminates himself in a statement he sent to the Globe-Democrat's Washington Bureau, in which he says that since he failed to secure a decisive endorsement in his home state, he would not ask the state convention at Springfield to in any manner support his candidacy or to confer upon him any favors whatsoever. Then follows the significant sentence:

"I expect to abide by the decision of the people of Missouri rendered at the August primaries and to heartily support our ticket."

However, Reed adds that "Should the state convention adopt a platform," he "trusts" that all of his friends will insist that it shall, as one of its planks reaffirm adherence to the declaration of the last state platform which proclaimed the doctrine of civil and religious liberty and denounced all efforts to proscribe any part of the people on account of race or religion. This, of course, refers to the Ku Klux Klan, whose candidate Reed has insisted is McAdoo.

Reed's statement follows: "A multitude of my friends and supporters throughout Missouri have written me, asking an expression of opinion as to what course should be followed in the state convention. As individual answers are almost impossible, a public statement seems desirable. This course appears all the more necessary because the interests of the entire party are involved.

"In asking the endorsement at the national convention of the Democrat of Missouri, I had hoped that no considerable antagonism or bitterness would be aroused. There expectations, as all know, were not realized.

"It avails nothing now to discuss the question of mass conventions or the other factors contributing to the or to us, unsatisfactory result. We must as party adherents unite our forces to bring about the selection of candidates, state and national who will command the confidence of the people and whose nomination will assure the triumph of the Democratic party in November.

"I regard it as the duty of all of our delegates to attend the state convention and to urge that the delegates honestly elected shall be seated. It is to be hoped that the State Committee in making up the temporary roll of delegates will act impartially. Should it fail to adopt that course, it will assume a grave responsibility.

"Our friends ought to pursue a judicious and temperate course of action throughout the convention and urge the selection of delegates to the national convention who will represent the dignity of the great Democratic party of the state and whose influence in the national convention will be potential for the adoption of a sound platform and the nomination of the best candidates.

"Should the state convention adopt a platform, I trust that all of my friends will insist that it shall reaffirm, as one of its prominent planks, our adherence to the declaration of the last state convention, which proclaimed the doctrine of civil and religious liberty and denounced all efforts, whether by groups or individuals, to proscribe any parts of the people on account of race or religion. This is American doctrine. The right of the people to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences and to enjoy the blessings of liberty secured by the federal bill of rights is of the very essence of American democracy and is essential to the preservation of the republic.

"Speaking particularly for myself, I have to say that as I failed to secure a decisive endorsement, I to in any manner support my candidacy or to confer upon me any favors whatsoever.

"I expect to abide by the decision of the people of Missouri rendered in the August primaries and to heartily support our ticket.

"To all of my friends who have so unselfishly fought my battles, and as we believed the battles of real democracy, I send my most cordial and heartfelt greetings and thanks."

PREPARING FOR THE STATE CONVENTION

The Democratic State Convention will meet in Springfield the middle of next month, for the purpose of electing delegates to the next National Convention, which will meet in New York for the purpose of nominating a Democratic National ticket. The State Convention will also elect a National Committeeman to serve the State in that capacity for the next four years.

In view of the overwhelming defeat of the Reed forces in the recent conventions in the State, it is very apparent that should Senator Reed, or his supporters, appear in that convention and attempt to dictate its policies or proceedings in any way, then it is altogether likely that he will be given even a more resounding "knockout" than the one he received in the Joplin convention four years ago. Indications are those who will likely be in control of the Springfield convention will not stand for any more "monkey wrenches" being thrown into the party machinery by the opposition. They are adamant on that proposition, and the only thing that will save the Senior Senator from an unmerciful trouncing at that time is for he and his supporters, who may be in that convention, to keep very quiet.

According to The Times information, only three members of Missouri's big four to the National Convention have as yet been tentatively agreed upon. They are: Hon. Frank H. Farris, of Rolla, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee; Judge Charles Mayer, of St. Joseph, and Hon. Chas. M. Hay, of St. Louis. The fourth member as yet to be agreed upon. It also seems likely, at this time, that the Missouri delegation will go unrepresented. Hon. Breckenridge Long appears to be in the lead in the race for National Committeeman.—Farmington Times.

SCHOOLS DEMAND WELL TRAINED TEACHERS

Jefferson City, March 21.—The greatest task which confronts Missouri today educationally is the training of teachers," said State Superintendent Chas. A. Lee. "Education," Lee continued, "will never be what it should be until every child in the State has the advantage of going to a well trained teacher.

He continued with the following statement: "The State Department has already started the movement to try to get every teacher in the State, who does not hold a degree, in summer school next summer. There will be seven State institutions besides several private colleges holding summer schools this summer to which all the work is devoted to training teachers. Last summer there were more than ten thousand teachers or persons preparing to teach enrolled in State institutions. This number is expected to increase to more than twelve thousand this year.

In carrying out this program of better trained teachers the State Superintendent is asking all Boards of education to employ the best trained teachers available.

Mrs. W. A. Anthony left for Fredericktown.

Mrs. Finis Jones spent Sunday at Vanduser with relatives.

100 Frost Proof Pansy plants sent to any address upon receipt of 50c.—H. W. Peterson, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Mrs. James Matthews, who has been the guest of her sisters, Mrs. Lyman Bowman and Mrs. Scott, returned to her home Friday.

Mrs. A. L. Harper of St. Louis, who has been the guest of her sisters, Mrs. F. D. Denton and Mrs. Wade Sitz, returned to her home, Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Hill of Mathtews, mother of Mrs. Amos Buchanan, was taken to Cairo, Friday morning to St. Mary's Infirmary, for an operation. Mrs. Hill was accompanied to Cairo by Mrs. Buchanan.

Sunday night a car belonging to the Ozment's, about Salcedo, ran into Mrs. Joe Brown, Mrs. Mollie Keith and Squire Payne's daughter, knocking them down and bruising them considerably, fortunately no bones were broken. The Ozment car was traveling slowly, but a car with a blinding light was coming from the opposite direction which blinded the Ozment driver so he could not see where he was going. The accident happened near the Frisco station. No blame is attached to anyone for the accident as it was one of the things that was unforeseen.

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Road Revenue By Initiative

The plan to meet the highway crisis by passing a measure under the initiative device, received a decided impetus when it was given the cordial endorsement of the Automobile Club of Missouri. In the form in which it was suggested, the measure would authorize an increase of 50 per cent in the motor car license fees and a state tax of two cents a gallon on sales of gasoline.

Theoretically, the proceeds of \$60,000,000 in bonds were placed at the disposal of the State Highway Board for the construction of the new state road system. Practically, the amount of bonds outstanding at any one time is limited by the size of the fund reserved for paying the interest and sinking installments. That fund can now be replenished only by the receipts from auto licenses, and with other demands on those receipts, further bonds can be sold only at considerable intervals of time and in small quantities. That the highway system shall be completed and placed at the service of the public within the shortest possible time is extremely desirable and the higher license fees will give approximately \$2,000,000 more in revenue and the gasoline tax will bring in a generous sum.

A tax once created is seldom lessened, and while an ample amount should be provided for in the new plan, it should not be greater than the need. To do so might jeopardize approval at the polls. The very plan of submitting the proposal under the initiative will insure favorable attention on a wide scale for a sound plan. Five per cent of the voters in eleven of the sixteen congressional districts will suffice for the petitions, but it is contemplated that at least 80,000 signatures shall be obtained, and to have so great a number committed to the project in advance will organize a compact body of opinion for "aye" votes at the polls.

The initiated taxes cannot be voted on until November, two months before the General Assembly. However, the new license fees could hardly be authorized by the General Assembly in time to become operative before February 1, the date on which the fees are payable. Enactment by initiative will save three months even on a General Assembly measure given immediate effect in January, and, on a bill taking effect three months after the session ends, will save eight months. As a matter of fact, unless bonds can be sold and constructive plans perfected early in the year for the season of 1925, an entire

year will be lost. The effort under the initiative has the stronger appeal because its only alternative is long delay and highway disorganization.—Globe-Democrat.

Ned Tanner a Benedict

Ned Tanner of this city slipped off to St. Louis Thursday night and was married in that city Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock to Miss Aileen Mae Warner of St. Louis, the Rev. Garrison, officiating.

The bride will be remembered as a guest of Miss Alfreda Baty during the Fair last fall and was classed as one of the handsomest of girls of that time.

Ned Tanner is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Tanner, was raised in Sikeston and has a host of friends, who are congratulating him on his step to solve the matrimonial problem.

The newlyweds are at home with the groom's parents and as yet have made no arrangements for the future.

The Standard joins in wishing the young people all the joy possible in their journey down life's pathway.

Mrs. Steele de Cant, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, is very much improved at this writing.

The W. C. T. U. of New Madrid have organized the colored people of that city into a Temperance Union. This is good work as our colored brethren are "pizen" after booze and most of their trouble is caused by the use of it.

The hard road through the Robinson Lumber Co. is now open and being used by the public. It will be but a few weeks at most until the entire road to the St. Francis River will be open. Between the St. Francis River and Poplar Bluff, 90 per cent of the grading is finished and the material on hand for the building of this 14-mile stretch of concrete road. Sikeston will be in auto touch of Poplar Bluff every day in the year by early fall.

The American Legion dance that was given Thursday night was the most successful dance ever witnessed here. The music was one of the best ever heard in Sikeston, which was furnished by the Willard-Robinson Orchestra of Kansas City. The attendance was good. Several out-of-town visitors were in attendance. The Legion was very much encouraged for the courtesy they were given and they expect to give another dance at an early date.

A Jewish State in Russia

Students of biblical prophecies are watching with interest the announced intention of the Soviet commissars to create a Jewish state in the Crimea, governed by the Jews, who constitute the bulk of the population.

While the Jews themselves differ somewhat in the matter of the dispersal and final regathering of their race into new power in Palestine, the great majority of Christian Bible students interpret the various dispersal prophecies to mean that never shall the Jews enjoy government or national life of their own until they are brought again from the four corners of the earth, from all the nations and the isles of the sea to their home land.

Since the Assyrians took away from Samaria the ten tribes and so scattered them that their identity has been a puzzle for some twenty-five centuries, and the Babylonians later took the other two tribes, and the Romans dispersed the remnant when Titus sacked Jerusalem in A. D. 71, this complete distribution of the Jews among the nations of the earth, holding fast to their racial purity, but having not a semblance of national life, has continued unbroken.

Will Trotsky and his fellow Jews, who are the brains of the Soviet Government, be able to create a Jewish state of sufficient self-government and individuality to negative the age-long understanding of the prophecies of the Bible as to their lack of any sort of national life until that unknown date when it shall again be established in Palestine?—Globe-Democrat.

Mrs. R. A. Moll and children, of Tamms, Ill., arrived in Sikeston Friday afternoon for an extended visit with Mrs. Moll's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard.

The Loebe Bill Posting Co. of Charleston have had a force of workmen repairing and erecting more boards in Sikeston. Simon Loebe spends his money he makes in bill posting on his Charleston Times, but he is having a lot of fun as he goes along.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Norrid and daughter, who have been resident of Sikeston the past twenty years, left Sunday for Waco, Texas, where they will make their future home with La Rue, a son. Both Mr. Norrid and wife have been in poor health for quite a while and friends and acquaintance here wish for them better health in their new home.

PLANS MADE FOR COMPLETING BENTON-CHARLESTON ROAD

Plans for the construction of the portion of the Charleston-Benton road in Mississippi county were completed this week by the state highway department and the county court at an adjourned meeting Monday took action toward the condemnation of the right of way needed. The project is the last of the designated state road mileage in this county, the remainder either being completed or under construction, and it was the intention of the highway department that the contract for the work should be let in April, but owing to the condemnation proceedings, the contract date will be delayed.

The Charleston-Benton road, which is to be built of gravel, will form a junction with the Charleston-Benton road at Childress' corner, about three and a half miles west of Charleston. It will run due west thru the Lett farm for one-quarter of a mile, thence north of Diehlstadt, with a slight jog at the point where the road will run along the boundary line between Mississippi and Scott counties. This will involve an entire new right of way in Mississippi county, some damages to property will result, the road passing through the site occupied by a large barn on the Charles R. Love farm and through a pond on the same farm and also splitting other farms into old tracts. Eight land owners in this county are effected.

The highway department has made an appropriation sufficient to build this road from the Childress' corner to within half a mile of Diehlstadt, and an appropriation has also been made and contract will be awarded March 20 for the building of 3.7 miles more on this same project, north from the Misfeldt place. About two and a half miles through the Northeast cypress, from a point north of Diehlstadt to the Mefeldt place, were completed last year, and hence with the construction ordered, only a gap of about a mile between this work and the north end of the Mississippi county contract will remain uncompleted on the southern end of the project this year.—Charleston Enterprise-Courier.

We Don't Need Bergdoll

A dispatch that came to The Missourian yesterday stated that Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, notorious German draft dodger, had agreed to return from his refuge in Germany and stand trial in this country.

The government says it will make no agreement with Bergdoll whereby immunity is to be extended as an inducement for his return.

The United States can get along very well without Bergdoll. The fewer of his kind there are in this country the better off we shall be. Every year our immigration laws shut the doors of this nation in the faces of thousands of foreigners not one whit less desirable than this Bergdoll.

"The man who will not voluntarily fight for his country is unfit to live in any country," says the Memphis Commercial Appeal. "Regardless of the justice or injustice of the cause for which a man fights, his enemy on the battlefield respects him for his courage. German veterans of the World War have expressed admiration for the American soldiers who faced them and proved their undoing. They can have none for Bergdoll."

"Let Germany or any other country that will tolerate his presence do so. Exile from the United States, even though it assure freedom otherwise, hurts him far more than his presence in a federal prison here would benefit us."

The whole case simply makes Bergdoll look more despicable. It shows he cannot make himself stay away from the country he would not fight for.—Cape Missourian.

L. D. Randol spent Monday at Oran on business.

Miss Mary Casey left Sunday for her home at Fredericktown to be gone several days.

Mrs. Ethel Green and children of Mayfield, Ky., are visiting Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Malcolm.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reed and babe and Mrs. Reed, of Benton were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Malone.

Virginia Randol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Randol, who has been on the sick list, is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. M. Points of Cape Girardeau, who has been in Sikeston the past few weeks, returned to her home Saturday afternoon.

OBJECTING TO HYDE'S KEEPING NATIONS

Jefferson City, March 21.—Gov. Hyde yesterday admitted that he has received letters from a number of Republicans protesting against his announced decision to retain State Labor Commissioner Heber Nations as a member of the State administration, despite Nations' prominent place in news of a Federal inquiry conducted into the sale of "prohibited" beer in St. Louis. The Commissioner's name was inserted into the beer news by his father, Gus O. Nations, Missouri chief of field forces, prohibition enforcement division.

Hyde had determined to get rid of the Labor Commissioner, his intimates declared, but that official met the Governor in Kansas City and in an interview which has been described as "short and snappy," changed Hyde's intentions. Before proceeding westward to meet the Governor, Commissioner Nations had given out in St. Louis an interview which charged that old guard Republican politicians had instigated the inquiry and branded it as an attack on the Hyde administration.

The Republican State administration here consists of about four wings. The larger attaches to the Governor. One is led by State Auditor Hackmann, a third consists of Secretary of State Becker and his friends, and the fourth contains the rest of the Republicans.

Lieutenants of the Hyde group have accepted the Labor Commissioner's statement as their text on the beer inquiry.

"Didn't Heber hand it back to them?" the Hyde votaries inquire.

The three other wings are not so chipper about the matter. None of them pretends to pass on whether Nations is innocent, but they see a considerable political liability in his continued connection with the Republican State administration until the matter is cleared up. None of them will consent to be quoted but in private conversation they are rather outspoken.

It is believed, however, that the Governor will play out the hand which has been dealt to him. He declared that the letters objecting to his retention of Nations were fewer than those received from ministers and others in St. Louis espousing the Nations cause, and that he had determined to disregard the letters which were political in their reasoning.

A Hot Shot From An Indian

The centenary of the Indian bureau reminds us of a story which has some application in these days. It is less of a reflection on congress than on the voters.

A young Cherokee had been sent to Washington by his tribe to appear before a senate committee in an effort to negotiate an advantageous settlement if a claim. A senator, examining him, suggested an effort at undue influence.

The young Indian denied it.

"But it is a fact, isn't it," persisted the senator, "that the Cherokee nation selected you as its ablest man to come up here and influence this committee?"

"That was not the purpose," denied the Indian, "and I am just an ordinary Cherokee Indian without any special abilities."

"That does not stand to reason," said the senator. "The Cherokees would naturally select their smartest man for a job like this."

"Now, senator," protested the Indian, "the Cherokee Indians are just like the rest of the people of the United States—they never do send their smartest men to Washington.—The Outlook.

When a Senator boards an elevator in the Capitol is must not be stopped for other passengers until the Senator gets off.

C. C. Myers of Oran is candidate for office of assessor of Scott County on the Democratic ticket, he having filed his declaration of intention on Monday. My Myers was born and raised on a farm between Benton and Oran and has been an active Democrat for a good many years. For two terms he has served as constable of Sylvania township. He is qualified to handle the office in a way that will be satisfactory to the people and a credit to himself. Any consideration given his claims, at the August primary, will be greatly appreciated by Mr. Myers.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce Tom Scott as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce F. K. Sneed of Chaffee for Sheriff of Scott County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce Parm A. Stone of Skeston for Sheriff of Scott County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce L. P. Guber of Vanduser for Sheriff of Scott County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce Fred M. Farris, of Benton, as candidate for Sheriff, of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce Bob Cannon, of Benton, as candidate for Sheriff of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the primary in August.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce Chas. A. Stallings, of Morley, for Assessor of Scott County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce Geo. C. Bean, of Illinois, for assessor of Scott County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce Angles W. Boyman of Morley, for County Assessor, subject to the will of the voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce C. C. Myers of Oran as Democratic candidate for the office of Assessor, subject to the will of the voters at the August primary.

MAYOR

We are authorized to announce C. E. Felker, as candidate for Mayor of Skeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce J. E. Smith, Sr., as candidate for Mayor, of Skeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

CITY ATTORNEY

We are authorized to announce W. L. Patterson as candidate for City Attorney of Skeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce Roger Bailey as candidate for City Attorney, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

The activities of Dawes and Young are having a greater effect on Europe today than the work of any American since Woodrow Wilson.

The Standard a few weeks ago stated that Thad Snow of Mississippi County would be a candidate for the State Senate from this Senatorial District. The editor talked over the phone with Mr. Snow, Friday evening, and he refused to stand hitched. He acknowledged to saying he would run, but now says it is impossible. The Standard is sorry of this, as Thad Snow would make us a very able Senator.

CHIEF OF POLICE

We are authorized to announce W. R. Burks for Chief of Police of Skeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce J. B. Randol for Chief of Police of Skeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce Bill Carson for Chief of Police of Skeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce Walter Kendall for Chief of Police of Skeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

POLICE JUDGE

We are authorized to announce Jos. W. Meyers for Police Judge of Skeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce J. C. Lescher for Police Judge of Skeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

CITY COLLECTOR

We are authorized to announce S. N. Shepherd for City Collector of Skeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce Clyde Demaris, as candidate for Collector of Revenue of Skeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce F. E. Chamblis for City Collector of Skeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce T. A. Wilson as candidate for alderman for First Ward, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce Frank Smith for Alderman of the Second Ward, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

ALDERMAN THIRD WARD

We are authorized to announce Judson Boardman for Alderman, for Third Ward, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce Aulton Cravens as candidate for Alderman of the Fourth Ward, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

NEW MADRID COUNTY

We are authorized to announce G. P. Deane, of Matthews, as a candidate for Sheriff of New Madrid County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

The Republicans of Scott County will hold a Mass Convention at Benton Thursday evening, March 27, at 7:30, to select delegates for the District and State officers. It is a foregone conclusion that they will endorse both the Hyde and Coolidge administrations and be for Coolidge for President in 1924.

The Standard management wishes to thank those who so promptly responded to subscription statements sent out last week. Other statements are being mailed and we trust same will receive prompt attention. It takes the cash to buy white paper, pay help and postage, and when the money is due us, we want it. If there are those of our readers who do not care for the paper or who do not intend to pay for it, let us know so at once that we can at least save future cost.

The lack of criminal convictions in the circuit court of Scott County the last few terms shows the need of some sort of protection to the public supposed to be guaranteed by the laws of the State, that they are not getting. If it be the fault of the prosecutor he should resign and let the Governor appoint another. If it be that jurymen are growing too lenient or sympathetic, then our laws should be amended and do away with jury trial and let the judge be the dispenser of justice. Invisible justice follows the everlasting dismissal of criminals and law breakers.

A few weeks ago a negro man named Toliver was arrested in Skeston, charged with being criminally intimate with his stepdaughter of 15. He was taken to jail at Benton and was brought to trial Wednesday of last week. The jury turned him loose. Toliver was in bed with the girl when caught and another negro man was supposed to have been the third of the three in bed. The prosecuting attorney failed to secure evidence in so serious a case that was convincing, or he was outlawed, or the jury considered such actions by negroes as being on the same plane as billy goats or varmints. Anyway, Mr. Toliver is back here in Skeston at the service of the public.

The matter of placing before the people the proposition of finishing our hard surfaced roads at the earliest possible moment will be voted on at the general election this fall. The initiative will be invoked to get the matter legally before the public. Unless more revenue is raised, it will be 1931 before the present road program can be finished while under the new proposal, they can be finished in three years from now. A slight boost in the auto license and a gasoline tax of 2c per gallon will do the work. Not one cent of this money will come out of the people who do not own an auto and those who will have to pay the bill will save many times the increase in the saving of gasoline and the upkeep of the machine. The Standard will place before its readers from time to time such information as should enable them to understand the question from every angle.

The Standard takes issue with Tanner Dye, candidate for alderman in the Fourth Ward, on his stand for future submission of the sewer proposition to a vote of the people. Skeston will never have a sewer system and will never be a progressive city if we wait for her to get out of debt before voting on sewers again. One would be led to believe that the bond issue was snowed under when the facts are, more than 140 majority was in favor of the proposition, which was a pretty good indication that a majority DID want, though not enough to make the two-thirds majority required for a bond issue. The fight on the bonds was accompanied by lies, misstatements and coercion on the part of some property owners, that was unworthy of citizens of a growing town, while those in favor of it failed to make the issue as plain as it should have been and failed to get into action until the last two days before the election. Unless the proposition is put before the people again before August 1, 1924, they cannot bond the city for \$100,000 as now proposed, because the assessed valuation of Skeston property after August 1 will be approximately \$2,000,000, while now it is \$3,000,000. Unless Dye, or any other candidate, is willing to submit the proposition to a vote again, they should be beaten at the polls, as it will be a death blow to Skeston's progress for years to come if unprogressive citizens are put in charge of our city government. This is not personal to Tanner Dye or any other candidate who may be against submitting the issue, but is said to show how serious the matter is to Skeston's future growth.

Motor vehicle accident insurance rates are higher in New York City than anywhere else in the world.

Sweep Them Out

Never in the history of this country did such a set of harpies move in as most of the crew which came into office with President Harding. Mr. Harding is dead, peace be to his ashes with that respect that must go to the dead, but had Mr. Harding lived the responsibility of the appointment of men unfaithful in most startling ways, would have been his, and his humiliation would have been great.

There is nothing quite so coarse so reckless and so vulgar as the story leading up to the ordering of marines into the heart of the country to drive some citizens off a piece of land the ownership or title being disputed.

We thought things had reached a low pass when an ex-cabinet minister admitted he had lied under oath to a senator, officially appointed to elicit information from him. Then came McLean, the rich boob, who needs a guardian for his person, as he has trustees for his estate, and admitted that he lied because his friend, Fall, asked him to lie. If McLean were mentally responsible the infamy of his action would be marked, but his weakness saves him from contempt and excites pity rather, because he did lie for a friend.

It is not justifiable to lie even for a friend. Certain very good men have lied to save the reputation of a woman, but so far women have not been among the cattle at the Washington feed trough.

But supreme over all was the story in yesterday's paper.

Young Roosevelt was acting secretary of the navy. Fall was secretary of the interior. Fall asked Roosevelt to issue an order to the marines to clear trespassers off Harry Sinclair's Teapot Dome reservation. Now, Roosevelt, acting head of the navy, was as big as Fall. If he had been like his daddy he would have told Fall to go to the place where the devils live. Instead he executed the order and placed it in the hands of General Lejune. General Lejune sent for Captain Schuler and told Schuler that Mr. Fall wanted to see him. Schuler went to see Fall. Fall gave him his orders. Fall asked him what he might do if an injunction was thrown on him. Schuler said, "I never saw an injunction, and I would file it." This tickled Fall and he said to Captain Schuler, "I guess you will get along all right out there."

Fall told Captain Schuler that he had taken the matter up with President Harding, but least we err we quote the captain literally.

"He (Fall) said he had taken the matter up with the president that morning, and that the president did not want to take this action because an officer of the company that was trespassing was a close personal friend and contributed to the campaign fund."

"And Mr. Fall told me that he had told the president that his friend was a low down——, and Mr. Fall said that the president told him that he supposed he was all that when he sent him his check, and Mr. Fall said that he told the president, 'Mr. President, by God, he was'. But he said the president finally consented, and that was why the marines were to go out."

So Mr. Harding did not want to be hard on the trespassers. One of them, friend and contributed to the campaign fund. The campaign contributor who wants to be paid back a thousand per cent.

Just think this matter over. Roosevelt admitted that he took General Lejune over and talked to Fall about the business. When Senator Walsh asked Roosevelt if he did not think that a process at law would do the job, the young man bravely answered that he was no lawyer. If young Roosevelt hasn't sense enough to know, though he is not a lawyer, that the courts have full power to remove the trespassers and to issue writs of ejectment, then he hasn't sense enough to be assistant secretary of the navy or assistant anything else.

Fall seemed to have been the master mind. He was afraid to run afoul the courts. He, therefore, ordered out the marines and the marines went and did the job. The marines do obey orders. That thing has won for them imperishable glory on battlefields of two continents and on decks of ships fighting in all of the seven seas.

Therefore, how important is it to have at the head of the Navy Department and in the White House men who know when to issue orders to the marines, because the marines do obey. When they are told to shoot they shoot. A member of the Gorman imperial staff who came in contact with some of them on the bloody day of Chateau Thierry reported to his imperial master and to Ludendorff as to these marines that "they have a strange spirit which may best be summed up in the statement of one who said, 'We do not care what we are here for. Our business is to kill or be killed.'"

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It looks like we need a man with the marines' spirit in the White House. What a pity Pershing was not elected president in 1920, so long as the combination of fate, stupidity and ingratitude decreed that a Republican should succeed Wilson.

Mr. Fall domineered at the White House. Harding did not want to be hard on the man who had furnished sloop for Republican voters. But Fall had his way. Something piratical about Fall. If he had not lied and betrayed his oath of office he might have been regarded as an attarctive old buccaneer.

What a crowd did come in with the Harding administration! What a decline from such cabinet members as Jefferson, Gallatin, McCulloch, Gresham, Garland, Manning, Bayard, Bonaparte, Glass and Daniels.

What's to be done? The whole crowd, their heirs and their beneficiaries must be swept out of office. The good men in both parties, if there are enough good men in both parties to control, must see to it that their nominees are clean and have ideals and are brave enough to stand up for their ideals.

It matters more that honest and patriotic men be in office than the party badge which they wear.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Sweep stair carpets with a wet brush. This prevents the dust rising and keeps the carpets fresh and clean looking.

"I am tired of having you damned kids stepping on my toes", Senator Jim Reed is reported to have said to a ten-year-old messenger boy, last week, who in a rush with copy stepped on the senatorial corns of Daffodil Jim. Ah, they seem to keep up in Washington what Missouri did "in conventions assembled" a few days ago. Well, Jim ought to be used to being walked on by this time.—Dexter Statesman.

Charles Schweer, of Cape Girardeau and all Southeast Missouri, is a candidate for sheriff of Cape County on the Republican ticket. Charles Schweer has been the field agent for the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau for the past three years and it has been largely due to his efforts that the material for the exhibit was secured. If Schweer is the nominee of his party, and is elected, Cape County will have one of the cleanest men for sheriff that she has ever had and one who will do his duty without fear or favor.

Agriculture, as an industry, can't show much of a net profit yet. But farming, in many individual cases, again is on a paying basis. Wheat still is in a bad way and prospects are not encouraging. Beef cattle are not making growers or feeders rich. Hogs have a chance to show some profit this year. Sheep, dairy cattle, chickens, corn and some other miscellaneous crops, including truck and fruit, are paying, some exceptionally well. Once more, as in the last few years, the farmers who have several sources of income, those who diversify, are the ones who show a profit on their year's endeavor. To a great extent that always will be true. The law of averages inevitably will favor the man who diversifies. And with diversification should come reduction of overhead charges, less high-priced labor, use of more labor-saving machines, better upkeep of buildings and machinery that the maximum use may be obtained, and the conversion of bulky materials on the farm into highly concentrated products on which transportation charges will be low.—Capper's Farmer.

CONFINED TO BED

Birmingham Lady Took Cardui for Relief of Change of Life Troubles and Says It Helped Her "So Much."

Birmingham, Ala.—"I first took Cardui for that tired, worn-out feeling that comes from being dreadfully run down," says Mrs. Catherine E. Smith, of 2106 Stout Street. "Twenty-five years ago, I was suffering from womanly weakness."

I read of Cardui in an almanac, and thought I would try it. I got a bottle and it helped me from the first. After that, during the whole of my married life, I took Cardui when I needed it. "About four years ago, change of life came on me. I grew weaker and weaker, and was confined to my bed, where I lay on my back for days. I was told that only a severe operation could do me any good, and this depressed me very much, for I dreaded such an ordeal."

"I remembered how Cardui had helped me for female trouble in the past and I had read of how it had helped other women during change of life, so one night I took my husband to go to the drug store and get me a bottle. I began taking it at once. From the first dose I could feel myself getting stronger. I continued to take Cardui until I was entirely through this very trying period of a woman's life."

Cardui at all dealers. NC-168

Iceland has factories for the preparation of herring flour, which is highly prized in Norway as a strength food.

Prunes will soon be dried by electricity instead of by the present sun-drying process, according to a California agricultural expert.



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EVERY mother wants to know how she can keep her children's dainty little wash clothes from soiling so quickly.

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INSURANCE BONUS BILL OPPOSED BY COOLIDGE

Washington, March 21.—President Coolidge is as much opposed to the compromise bonus bill, embodying the paid-up insurance plan, as passed by the House, as he was to the original proposal. This was the blunt statement authorized in a general way at the White House in explanation of the President's position on legislation which he had recommended or disapproved in his messages and other public utterances.

In explanation of the President's position on the House tax bill, now before the Senate Finance Committee, and the bonus bill, awaiting consideration of that committee, a White House spokesman said that the President did not desire to indicate what his position would be on legislation submitted to him. It was asserted, however, that it was fair to assume that the President's attitude on such questions was the same as he had expressed in public utterances.

Those who heard the President's position explained said that there was no question that the President has not altered on the bonus bill, and they inferred that he would veto a bonus bill no matter in what form it came to him, since he said that he was opposed to bonus, because it had no justification for able-bodied men and would make tax reduction impossible.

Grand Jury Probes a Meeting

Poplar Bluff, Mo., March 22.—A special grand jury has been called by Judge Walker of Stoddard County to investigate a mass meeting attended by about two hundred and fifty persons several days ago. At that time it was decided not to permit negro farm laborers to be employed by the farmers of the Peoria district. Four farmers who previously had employed negroes, were present and agreed to send the negroes away to prevent trouble. It is said that unless the farmers are permitted to employ negroes many acres of land will remain uncultivated this year.

Uncle Joe in the Ring

I wish to announce to the voters of Sikeston that I am again able to be on duty, after a two-weeks siege of flu, and will get around to see as many voters as possible. The records at headquarters show that I have made more arrests than any officer on the force and I feel that my experience is worth something in the office that I am a candidate for. I have nothing but good words for my opponents and will leave it to you whether you will elect me to succeed myself or put a new man on the job. I shall appreciate your vote next Tuesday.—J. B. RANDOL.

Burks Withdraws From Race

W. R. Burks, who has been ill in bed for the past two weeks, on advice of his physician, is withdrawing from the race for Chief of Police. Realizing that the time is close for further campaigning and the time lost has put a handicap on him, he believes to withdraw will save worry and give him an opportunity to recover all the sooner. He wishes to thank his friends who have backed him in the race, but believes he is doing the right thing to retire at this time.

Edgar White spent Sunday in Cairo. George Lough was a Sunday visitor at Charleston.

Miss Justine Miller was the weekend guest of her aunt, Mrs. O. L. Hunter at Morley.

All members of the Eastern Star and their husbands or a friend, and Masons and their wives or a friend, are invited to "A Day and a Night" Thursday evening, March 27 at 8:15 at the Odd Fellows' Hall. A silver offering will be taken at the door. Given by the Eastern Stars.

NEWSPAPER IS BEST MEDIUM FOR BANK AD

Chicago, Ill., March 22.—Sam P. Judd, publicity manager of the Mercantile Trust Company of St. Louis, in an address Wednesday before the Regional Conference of the American Bankers' Association, advised an expenditure of one-half of the total yearly appropriation for advertising purposes in the daily papers. The text of his address follows:

"If your bank is in the business district of a city that has one or more good newspapers, newspapers that are well run and will not accept questionable advertising, if those newspapers have a representative circulation and your bank offers a diversified service—particularly savings service—then you must advertise in those newspapers.

"You must advertise in them because they are your best economical method of reaching your prospects, and off-hand, without knowledge of your particular case, I say you should spend about one-half of your total yearly appropriation in the daily papers."

Welch-Williams

Medford Welch of this city and Miss Mary Williams, of Charleston, were united in marriage Friday afternoon, March 21, at the residence of Rev. Jenkins, of Charleston. The wedding was a quiet affair, members of both families being present. Miss Williams is one of Charleston's most accomplished young ladies, and was employed in Buckner-Ragsdale Store Co., of that city. Mr. Welch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Welch of Sikeston and is connected with the Standard Oil Company at Springfield, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Welch left Monday afternoon for Springfield to make their home. Their many friends, both in Charleston and Sikeston, extend congratulations.

Mrs. John Fisher entertained quite a number of friends at her home on Friday. The afternoon was spent playing bridge, during which a delightful luncheon was served.

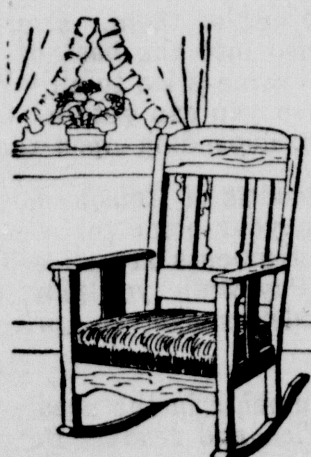
Missouri Pacific engineers were surveying for the placing of a switch for Young's Lumber Yard, Monday morning. It will parallel the main track at the east end of Malone Ave. MULE STRAYED—Mouse colored mare mule about 8 yrs. old, 15 hands high, slightly lame in right hind leg with blister on ankle. Strayed from my farm at Dogwood, 6 miles south of Bertrand. Liberal reward for information leading to recovery.—B. C. Duke, Bertrand, Mo. 3tpd.

Sikeston is the big light in the eyes of cotton compress men thruout the territory to Memphis. Last week parties from Blytheville, Ark., were here and the week before parties from Hayti were looking over the field. These outside people want the majority of the stock and those interested here in this community wish to retain the controlling interest. It is a dead certainty that a compress will be built in Sikeston this season and it is necessary to have cotton raisers interested to make it a paying success. The compress at Blytheville paid a dividend in 1923 of 15 per cent and stood for a \$20,000 fire. The year before 48 per cent dividend was paid. A compress brings to any city cotton buyers and their families, who are high-type people, good salaries and good spenders. Some concerted action will be taken shortly that will insure the erection of a compress for this season's business.

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Decode Laws of 1400 B. C.

Philadelphia, March 21.—A confirmation of the belief of some scholars that the ancient Hittites were Indo-European and blood cousins to the Teutons, the Celts, and ancestors of the Greeks and Latins, is made in the translation of some two hundred of their laws, dating from the fourteenth century B. C., by Dr. George A. Barton, professor of Semitics at the University of Pennsylvania and of New Testament language and literature at the Philadelphia Divinity school.

In the work of translation Dr. Barton was required to employ German, French, Latin, Greek, Semitic and Celtic philology, since the scientific world possesses only a rudimentary Hittite vocabulary. The translations will be included in a forthcoming volume on "Archaeology and the Bible" which he is preparing.

"It is only in the last fifty years that Semitic scholars have come to realize the vast extent to which the Hittite empire attained in the second millennium, B. C., Dr. Barton said yesterday. "It is only recently in fact that we have known that the Hittites were a serious rival to the Egyptian, Assyrian and Babylonian empires."

The Hittite empire has its seat at Boghaz-Keui, near modern Armenia in the fourteenth century B. C. It was there that Winckler some years ago uncovered what was once the Hittite royal library and several hundreds of their clay tablets. Most of those tablets are now in Constantinople. Their understanding, however, for a long time was "a closed book" to archaeologists because the Assyrian cuneiform was used to write their language which only lately has been discovered to be Aryan. The Assyrian was Semitic.

"Hronzy, a Bohemian scholar, has done most of the work in translating the Hittite remains," Dr. Barton said today, "but much of it was unsatisfactory. However, he worked out a tentative grammar and the beginnings of a vocabulary. The vocabulary showed a mixture of Indo-European and Mongolian roots. "There was a remarkable resemblance in many of the words to ordinary words we have in English. Many of them seemed to have a common ancestry. The Hittite word for 'give' is pai, which is the same as our 'pay'.

The word for take is 'do' which corresponds to the Greek 'didomi' and the Latin 'do' for 'give'.

"The verb 'asmi' which we know as to be' is almost exactly the same as the Sanscrit, which is, of course, Indo-European.

"The Hittite for 'moisture' is 'wad-ar' which is readily seen to bear a close relation to water'.

Dr. Barton said the Hittite laws in no way affected or were affected by the Hebrew legislation. "Among them, however, are some that bear a striking resemblance.

"Several of the laws specify penalties for stealing bees. The code is evidently a revision of an earlier one and in almost every case the penalty is lighter, thus indicating a continually enlightened civilization. The penalty for stealing a hive of bees in the older code, it says, was that the bees should sting the thief to death. But the revised code specified the payment of a fine. For offenses punishable by a fine of 12 shekels under the older code, the No. 2 code specified a fine of 6 shekels.

FOR SALE—Furniture. Must sell this week.—Mrs. F. H. Cole, 625 Prosperity St. It.

A letter received from Bill Modglin states that he and Shadburn Old are roommates in Los Angeles and are members of the Encino Country Club. The two boys gave a party at the Country Club for their friends to which quite a few former Sikestonians were invited. He also spoke of Beechy Walpole and said he was prosperous and healthy.

The Russell-Bradley Missionary Society served a very successful pancake and waffle breakfast and supper Saturday at Dudley's Place. They wish to thank the following donors: H. & H. Grocery for fruit salad, Faris-Jones for oranges and bananas, Mc-Knight-Keaton for sirup, Woodburns Creamery for Poplar Bluff butter, Purity Meat Market, bacon; Marvin McMullin, Pillsbury pancake flour and milk, and the Union Electric Light and Power Co., electricity. The Society is very grateful for the hearty co-operation of Hollingsworth Dudley, Jack Shubert, C. L. Blanton, Sr., Dempster Furniture Co., Peek's Variety Store and Hardwicks Economy Center.

Missouri Crops, March, 1924.

The Missouri 1923 corn crop was 79 per cent merchantable against 85 per cent for 1922, and 38 per cent remains on farms against 34 per cent last year, with 9 per cent shipped out of county both years according to E. A. Logan and Jewell Mayes of U. S. Department of Agriculture and State Board of Agriculture.

Wheat supplies on farms are 18 per cent against 14 per cent last year, oats 30 per cent and 20 per cent, barley 42 per cent and 18 per cent, hay 35 per cent and 33 per cent, potatoes 32 and 17 per cent. Wheat shipments out of county 62 per cent and 63 per cent, oat straw 11 per cent and 10 per cent, barley 3 per cent and 2 per cent, hay 13 per cent both years, apples 27 per cent and 25 per cent, potatoes 11 per cent and 5 per cent.

Cas rents \$4 per acre for farms both years, value per acre \$71 and \$80. Cas rent for plow land \$5.80 per acre both years, value \$85 and \$90; pasture rent \$3 and \$3.25, value \$60 both years.

Raw lands average \$30 per acre against \$25 last year, poor plow lands \$45 both years, good plow lands \$85 both years, average all plow lands \$66 both years. Farm land with improvements \$74 against \$79, without improvements \$60 both years, all farm lands \$65 and \$70.

Wheat condition 75 per cent against 82 per cent, soil 86 per cent and 92 per cent, fruit buds 74 per cent and 90 per cent.

Farm wages opening 1924, \$31 per month with board, \$32 last year; without board \$41 and \$42; per day with board \$1.55 and \$1.60; without board \$2 and \$2.10. The supply of farm labor is 93 per cent of demand.

L. C. Dorey has returned from a business trip to St. Louis.

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W. T. Wren to W. A. Neely: Lots 7 and 8, block 5 L. A. Lewis 2nd addition, Lillbourn, \$225.

A. L. Phillips and wife to A. R. Smith: Lot 23 blk. 7 Hunter-Phillips-Tanner & McCoy addition to New Madrid. \$100.

Howard and George Steele: A. A. Gull and wife, one-half acre near Catron public school house, Satron, \$125.

D.B. Kevil to Clarence L. Hobbs: 210 acres section 35-23-12. \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

Gilbert and wife to A. E. Moseley: Lot 9, blk. 11 and all lot 2 and part lot 1 blk. 33 Morehouse. \$150.

Richard Stine and wife to L. E. Cravens: Lots 45 and 48 Range E Lillbourn. \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

Chas. Herman and wife to G. B. Donaldson: Lot 14, blk. 8 L. A. Lewis 3rd addition, Lillbourn. \$60.

Bergdoll Income Tax Paid

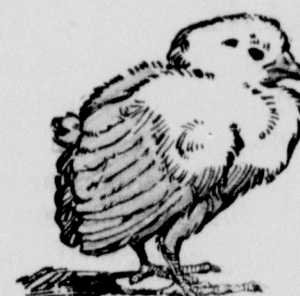
Washington, March 21.—What was described as a "considerable sum" collected in income tax upon the seized estate of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, draft evader, was included in checks aggregating \$9,708,633.78 which were forwarded to the Collector of Internal Revenue for Maryland and the District of Columbia today by Commissioner Blair of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

The checks were transmitted for the account of the alien property custodian and represent income taxes for past years due from a number of enemy alien estates seized during the war. The largest amount paid upon an individual estate so held was \$3,000,000 and the smallest 45 cents.

Mrs. Jesse Kimes and daughter, Miss Mildred, have returned from St. Louis.

Canon Hay Aitkin, aged vicar of Norwich Cathedral, in London, has delivered 22,000 sermons. He began preaching at the age of 17 and is now 83. John Wesley preached 27,000 sermons.

Campfire girls of New York have been requested to popularize old-time American folk songs such as "Old Black Joe," "Swanee River," "Old Kentucky Home" and such old English and Scottish ballads as "Auld Lang Syne" and "Comin' Thro' the Rye." Few girls in camp last summer knew the words of these songs.



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CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Mrs. I. H. Dunaway's class of the Methodist Church has started a parsonage fund, which we hope a number of the classes will add to from time to time. A parsonage is needed and we hope it will not be long before we can build one.

Miss Margaret Grant spent the week-end with homefolks at Cape Girardeau. Miss Grant is one of our high school faculty.

Mrs. Dunahoo, mother of Mrs. H. W. Doss is here visiting her daughter this week and attending the revival meeting.

Walter Mocabee has purchased a new Ford Sedan from the Stubbs agency at Sikeston. Ruby Jackson sold the car.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were here visiting Rev. Doss and family on Sunday. Mr. Dunn is government inspector and has had his quarters at Louisville, Ky., but is making a change and moving his family to Evansville, Ind.

One of the best received numbers of our lyceum course was given at the gymnasium on Wednesday, by the Gerhart Duo. Our next number comes to us on April 27th. This will be the last number of the season and we expect it to be the best.

Manuel Taylor expects to move his family to his property, which he bought from Mr. Blackwell just as soon as he can get possession.

Miss Zella Rose of St. Louis arrived Sunday afternoon to help take care of the sick baby of her sister, Mrs. Wilson.

Miss Radia Chapman spent the week-end at home with homefolks. Miss Chapman is attending the Cape Normal.

E. L. Griffin, Harry McFarling and family, E. O. Fisher and family and L. I. Gray and family motored to Cairo Sunday to spend the day.

Miss Loda Walls has been visiting the family of Perry S. Chapman this past week.

Miss Irene Logston has purchased a Ford touring car of the Stubbs Motor Company of Sikeston.

The revival meeting which has been going on at the M. E. Church for the past two weeks, was closed Sunday night. Rev. C. E. Hollifield of Marmaduke, Ark., has been the pastor. On Sunday morning they had infant baptism. The infant son of Rev. Doss and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crumpecker were baptised. In the evening, baptism services were held for the others that became members during the meeting.

Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of Laura M. Guess, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of February, 1924, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

W. B. GUESS

ADMINISTRATOR.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the (Seal) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY,
Probate Judge.

Mrs. Frank Lair, Jr., spent Saturday in Sikeston.

Miss Mattie Caldwell spent the week-end with homefolks at Charleston.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Latham, Sunday morning, March 23.

Leslie Pate and sister, Mrs. Nelson, spent the week-end with homefolks at Charleston.

Editor S. P. Loebe, of The Charleston Times, was a visitor at The Standard office, Monday.

WEDNESDAY

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Alvin Taylor is spending a few days in St. Louis on business.

Mrs. G. L. Layton, who has been on the sick list is much improved.

Mrs. Scott Alexander of Charleston spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Matthews and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Malone and son, Paul, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mocabee, of Morehouse, Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Mocabee and Mrs. Louis Erdmann attended the Eastern Star school of instructions at Bloomfield, Saturday.

Mrs. Louis Dyer died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Terry at 303 S. Handy, following an illness of paralysis. Funeral service were held at 4:00 p. m. Monday, interment in the City cemetery.

The house on Kendall street, occupied by a Mr. Jackson, was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The fire engine being out of commission was unable to answer the call. The hose were taken but the flames had spread too rapidly to save the building.

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Mrs. Moore Greer and Miss Pauline Moore spent Saturday in Cairo, shopping.

George W. Taylor, of Kansas City, Mo., was a Sunday guest at the home of J. B. Randol.

C. J. Fitz of Cape Girardeau spent Monday in Sikeston in interest of the baseball team.

W. B. Guess and little daughter are spending a few days at Havana, Mo., with relatives.

Mrs. Ranney Applegate and little daughter and Mrs. Ruth Matthews are spending a few days in St. Louis.

Mrs. J. O. Bebout and daughter of Bertrand were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Bebout's mother, Mrs. G. L. Layton.

Miss Kate Mocabee, who is teaching school at Canalon, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Earl Malone, last Wednesday.

FOR SALE—Home with four large rooms with electric lights. 80 ft. lot. 405 Williams St., Sikeston, Mo. Price \$2000. Terms to suit.

Miss Bonnie Keith who is attending school at Cape Girardeau, spent the week-end in Sikeston with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, Miss Josephine Robinson and John Young attended the banquet of the Lumbermen's Association at Cape Girardeau Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Rodgers and son, Billie, Mrs. English and Steve Rodgers of Benton and Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wilson and children were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tanner, Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Stovall, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Moffit Lattimer and Rev. Smith of Charleston attended the services of the Presbyterian Church at the Odd Fellows Hall here, Sunday.

On next Sunday afternoon, March 30, at 2:30, at Dudley's Place, the Baseball Club will hold a meeting for the purpose of organizing a South-east Missouri baseball team. There will be delegates from Sikeston, Cape Girardeau, Dexter, Campbell, New Madrid, Bloomfield, Charleston, Malden and Caruthersville.

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SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ROAD CONTRACTS LET

Bids were opened in Jefferson City, March 21, for three stretches of road in Southeast Missouri as follows:

Route 51, section 26, the road from route 25 at Advance in Stoddard County north to Marble Hill and Lutecville in Bollinger County to route 9, the primary road at Patton in the north portion of Bollinger County. Section 26 is 1.7 miles long, the contract including grading, culverts and 16' gravel surface. The bids were as follows:

E. P. O'Reilly & Co., St. Louis, bid \$22,289.58; J. L. Richmond, Advance, bid \$19,158.63; F. D. Harvey & Co., Memphis, Tenn., bid \$25,948.49.

Route 55, section 5, Scott County, route 55 is the road from Benton southeast through Scott and Mississippi counties to Charleston. Section 5 is 3.8 miles long, the contract including grading, culverts and 16' gravel surface. The bids on this contract are as follows:

Reynolds, Bloker & Crews, Caruthersville, bid \$36,610.23; F. D. Harvey & Co., Memphis, Tenn., bid \$34,706.33; Energy Coal & Supply Co., Poplar Bluff, bid \$34,202.66 and A. M. Morrow, Charleston, bid \$41,413.68.

Project 211-B, Stoddard County. This project is a section of route 25, the north and south road through Stoddard County and extends from Bernie south 3.3 miles to the Dunklin county line. The contract includes grading, culverts, 16' gravel surface and a small section of 40' concrete pavements in Bernie, the extra cost of the concrete pavement being paid by the citizens of Bernie. The bids received were as follows:

A. V. Willis & Sons, St. Louis, bid \$49,320.66; Kochitzky & Mewhirter, Cape Girardeau, bid \$45,446.63; Dexter Construction Co., Dexter, bid \$42,904.38; Novaculite Construction Co., Marion, Ill., bid \$56,185.85; F. D. Harvey & Co., Memphis, Tenn., bid \$57,591.96.

Public Sale

The Missouri Pacific Railroad will sell at public auction at their freight house in Sikeston, April 5, 1924, 1 box containing 2400 packages of garden seed, to cover outstanding charges. w2.

Of every thousand boys and girls entering high school, five hundred sixty-one leave before the end of the fourth year.

The Wall Street Journal tells of a new method of loading grain into ships. The air-voyor, it says, is a pipe line system which conveys grain from an elevator to a vessel at the water front without the use of the familiar belting. It is operated by a hurricane of wind forced thru a pipe by giant fans and will load 4000 bushels an hour.

Lime is necessary, yet the most common deficiency in the American diet, according to nutrition experts. It develops firm bones, hard teeth, makes the blood coagulate and maintains an equilibrium with other inorganic substances in the human system. Milk and milk products, except butter; eggs, whole grains, cane or sorghum molasses, nuts, green vegetables, and certain fruits with prunes, oranges and raspberries heading the list, supply lime, and farm and city tables alike should provide these foods in abundance.

Little Emma Jean Clodfelter is confined to her bed with the measles.

EGGS—Barred Rocks, 15 eggs, 50c. No better laying strain.—P. H. Gross 402 Gladys Street. 3 w. p.

The friends of Mrs. Ernest Tongate will be sorry to learn that her condition remains unchanged.

We are glad to learn that Jake Sitze, who has been on the sick list for some time, is still improving.

Production of oil in the United States last year broke all records, totaling around 735 million barrels, an increase of 30 per cent over 1922. Consumption also increased 20 per cent, totaling nearly 711 million barrels.

Great meat producing countries also are great meat consuming countries. Inhabitants of Argentina lead the world in eating meat. Australians and New Zealanders rank second and third and Americans are in fourth place.

Fort Oralo, where the British Army surgeon, R. Schukbury, wrote "Yankee o'Dodie" to poke fun at the American colonists, the old historical fort at Rensselaer, New York, may be preserved as a Revolutionary relic. It was built in 1642.

The largest paper making machine ever built in the United States has just been installed in a mill at Ogdensburg, N. Y., to be used in the manufacture of newsprint paper. The machine weighs 1000 tons and 45 cars were required to transport it.

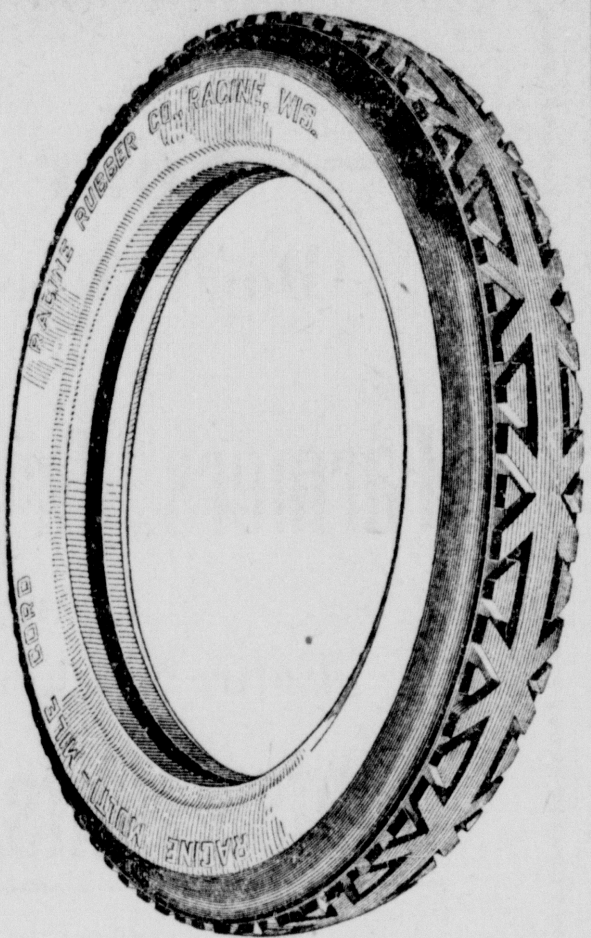
"Cooties" brought over by the Hessian soldiers hired to fight against George Washington in the Revolutionary War, still are with us and annually cause American farmers losses amounting to more than the cost of that conflict. These "cooties" in modern times, are known as Hessian flies.

The British Ambassador at Washington has a salary just over \$12,000, but in addition he has a completely appointed embassy at his disposal and an allowance of more than \$85,000, thus totaling \$97,350. The American Ambassador at London has a salary of \$17,500, and in addition he must pay for the upkeep of the embassy from his private pocket.

The largest known pecan tree in the world is in San Saba county, Texas. It is 122 feet high, and 22 feet in circumference a foot above the ground. The height to the first limb is 41 feet. The tree has borne in one season, 1401 pounds of pecans. A native pecan tree growing on the E. E. Risien property at San Saba, produces nuts containing 71 per cent meat.

More than 50 billion manufactured cigarettes were smoked in the United States in 1923. This is 7 billion more than were consumed in 1922. The increasing use of cigarettes by women is held responsible for the additional billions smoked last year. Per capita consumption of tobacco has increased 22 per cent in the last two years. Nine billion cigars were made in 1923.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic
For Pale, Delicate Women and Children.



A pear tree brought from England by Governor John Endicott, of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, in 1630, is said to be still bearing fruit on the spot it was planted at Danversport, Mass.

The latest machine perfected for the baking trade takes the flour at one end, sifts it, mixes and kneads the dough, and puts it into pans which pass thru an oven. The finished loaf emerges at the other end of the machine. No human hand touches the bread during the process.

In February the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers had control of six thriving banks in Cleveland, Hammon, Birmingham and New York. Other brotherhoods were operating five other banks. The engineers' brotherhood members own extensive coal mining interests, a large investment corporation, a chain of stores in a large city and a milk distributing business.

Sixty-three Grimes Golden apple trees belonging to J. D. Taggard of Waitsburg, Ore., have set what is claimed to be a world's record in production. The trees, planted 27 years ago, averaged 51 boxes of loose apples or 39 boxes of packed apples. One tree produced 70 boxes. Under Federal inspection 75 per cent of the yield went extra fancy, 13 per cent fancy and 12 per cent "C".

All records were broken last year in corporate financing, bonds, notes and stock issued, totaling more than 3 1-2 billion dollars as against 3 1-3 billion dollars in 1920, the previous high mark. In addition to obligations of corporations issued, the Government issued and sold many millions of dollars worth of Treasury certificates and Savings Stamps. Hundreds of millions of dollars worth of bonds also were issued by cities, counties and states.

The cash you hand over to the treasurer of your county or to the Federal revenue collector does not represent all the taxes you pay. An Eastern paper has figured out that a boy whose living expenses are \$8 a week pays \$1 of that amount as taxes. The man who pays out \$24 a week is paying \$3 in taxes and so on down the line. This amount is paid even if the man does not own \$1 worth of taxable property. The taxes represent additions to the cost of living that cannot be passed along to someone else.

Mrs. C. D. Matthews and daughter, Miss Virginia, returned home from St. Louis, Monday morning.

Harry Rose of McGee, Ark., was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rose.

FOR SALE—New 5-room house, electric light, small cash payment. See A. A. Harrison or A. C. Barrett, Bank of Sikeston.

FOR SALE—Maple shade trees, 8 ft. high, 75c each, also have all kinds of fruit trees and shrubbery for sale. Call Linn Galeener, 187.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A Ford coupe in first class condition. 1922 model. Would trade for lot in Sikeston. 334 Gladys St. 2tpd.

FOR RENT—240 acres on the Sikeston Ridge. All good high land with houses and barns. For further particulars see W. L. Stacy Sikeston, Mo. 2tpd.

FOR SALE—White Leghorn eggs, 75c per setting of 15 eggs. \$4.00 per hundred. This price is for the eggs if gotten at my home, one mile west of Sikeston.—J. W. Buckles. 2tpd.

FOR SALE—The Sarah E. Shelby houses are on the market for quick sale by Frank A. Denton, the executor. This is desirable town property, and will be a great bargain to a homeseeker in Sikeston. 1m 2 a w. grda.e

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Brighten Up With Music

Seventy-five New Edison records were received this morning, among them being all the latest popular music, several selections in sacred music, and—well, come in and hear them all. See which ones you like best. Folks are always welcome in our store whether in the buying notion or not. Come in and make yourself at home.

Ted Lewis and his band are in a class by themselves when they play "12 o'clock at Night", "Dream Daddy", "Mr. Radio Man", and others. We have all these numbers on the Columbia records, which can be played on any needle machine. If you have a Pathe, Brunswick, Victor, or any other needle machine, give us a call when in need of a new record.

Repair work done on all machines with guaranteed satisfaction. A reasonable charge is made for our services. Bring your phonograph troubles to us.

Over a hundred copies of the latest sheet music came in this morning and is now ready for sale. No doubt that this first shipment will go in a hurry. Better make your selections now before the stock is picked over. We will have new numbers in every week, so all you piano players better get in practice.

Gulbransen player-pianos are so easy to play. Any child can easily operate one of them. Every Gulbransen has its own price burned into the back of it, a nationally-priced instrument, the same price to all. Why pay more for a player piano when you can get a GULBRANSEN for \$420.00 or \$495.00, depending upon the model.

We have all the models of Edisons now in stock and will gladly place one in your home for a couple of days on approval. These instruments are all sold on business-like terms of credit. Pay while you play, play while you pay. Ask about it. Models range in price from \$100.00 to \$295.00.

Several used instruments in the needle type of phonograph are in good condition and ready for sale at attractive prices.

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Don't let that cough run on

IT'S much easier to check it now than after serious complications develop. Nothing like Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey to stop coughing quickly. Just those medicines that up-to-date doctors prescribe for loosening heavy phlegm and soothing throat tissues are in it—combined with the old reliable remedy—pine-tar honey. Keep it on hand for all the family.

All druggists. Be sure to get the genuine.

DR. BELL'S Pine-Tar Honey

GERMAN FLEET MAY RISE FROM DEPTHS OF OCEAN

The German fleet is to be raised. The admiralty has entered into a contract for its salvage with a London firm. Since the memorable June 21, 1919, with one or two exceptions, the sunken ships have lain as they sunk, a menace to shipping and a worry to harassed lighthouse service in maintaining numerous buoys and beacons.

For though the name of Scapa Flow only attained a world-wide significance in the war, its waters have been well known and much frequented by mariners in all ages.

Less than an hour after the first ship sunk on a midsummer's day five years ago, a rumor reached me that there were strange happenings in the Flow. As the naval authorities at that time were in possession of all the telephone systems in the country, I decided to test the inviolability of naval secrecy. So to naval headquarters in Kirkwall I went, says a correspondent in the Manchester Guardian. "I know," I said to the officer in charge, "that you can't tell me anything, but is it worth my while to take a run eight miles out on the road?"

"Well worth your while." Thus it was that I witnessed one of the most dramatic incidents of the war.

I saw battleships, battle cruisers and cruisers almost imperceptibly sink until their decks reached the level of the sea, then wallow and flounder on their sides, and simply disappear. One moment a dull gray side like some huge whale, the next nothing to mark the spot but a patch of water boiling like a cauldron.

I witnessed the frantic efforts to beach the great Hidenburg. But our naval men were too late. She settled

down in the mud close to the little Island of Cava, and there she still lies, huge masts and funnels rearing themselves from the water into space. The cruiser Bremse was beached near the air station at Swanbister. But she had lost all stability. With her bow hard on the ground she lurched drunkenly for a minute or two, then broke her back, and fell on her side. The Derfflinger and Seidlitz sank at their moorings. At low tide parts of their hulls are exposed, danger spots, on which numerous fishing trawlers have stranded and been held fast until released by the rising tide.

Further to the south the destroyers lie, opposite the now derelict naval harbor works at Lyness on the Island of Hoy. Their masts jut from the water at irregular intervals like some broken down fence.

The navy's salvage efforts were not entirely fruitless. Some ships, both great and small, were saved, and were taken south for disposal soon after Von Reuter's great coup.

The salvage operations now about to commence are the first to be attempted on any large scale. A destroyer was purchased over a year ago by a small company in Stromness, raised, and brought into harbor for breaking up. It is believed the speculation has proved very remunerative. Strange uses have been found for portions of this engine of war. Boiler tubes have been polished and sold literally by the thousand for such household purposes as case-ment curtain rods.

Last year a company purchased some of the destroyers. Operations went on for some months last summer, and it was understood that in the event of these proving successful the company had an option of the remainder of the fleet. A certain amount of material was brought ashore, but no ship was raised. When the salvage ship proceeded to its home port last fall it was stated operations would be recommenced in the spring, but it is not known how this company is affected by the contract now entered into between the admiralty and the London firm.

It is evident the operations shortly to commence are to be on a really big scale. We in Orkney have little knowledge of the methods of salvors, but to the unskilled the operation of raising the smaller ships, and even the Hidenburg squatting on the mud, does not seem by any means insuperable. The scuttling was effected by opening the sea cocks. If these can be closed and the hatchways sealed, then does not the problem simply resolve itself into one of pumping till we see the German fleet resurrected? In the last year or so the East Coast Salvage Company has carried out two similar operations in the Orkneys.

As a means to rendering safe the Grand Fleet anchorage, a number of merchant ships were sunk in certain of the channels by exploding charges of gun cotton.

The admiralty said these ships, with their badly gashed hulls, could not be raised. But they were forced by public opinion to make the attempt. The East Coast Salvage Company was entrusted with the task of raising two ships in Holm Sound. The operation was difficult and costly, but the ships were removed, and the local fishermen are once more able to prosecute their calling.

Local opinion is that the raising of the German fleet is largely one of cost and of appliances. If the vessels can be raised, the subsequent expenses ought to be moderate. At the naval harbor at Lyness there is practically unlimited space with wharfage accommodation for steamers of some size at all states of the tide. The hope is that Lyness—the mushroom city of the war, now bleak, desolate, and derelict beneath the mountains of Hoy—may yet in some measure justify the country's treasure lavished upon it.—Kansas City Star.

BRYAN SAYS NEXT PRESIDENT MUST BE DRY PROGRESSIVE

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—William Jennings Bryan, speaking at a rally of Democrats who had met to honor their former townsman on his sixty-fourth birthday, last night declared "special interests" in the national Government and urged the Democratic party as "the only one to put the country back in its previous position."

When the commoner was introduced, a man in the audience produced a banner bearing the words "W. J. Bryan for President". Bryan declared that "it is hard for some to realize that it is exceedingly difficult to break a habit" and reiterated that he was not a candidate for the presidency.

The speaker asserted that "big interests" had prevented the farmers from receiving consideration. This, he declared, was driving farmers to the city "at the rate of a million a year."

Alliance of Democrats and progressive Republicans received the sanction of the veteran campaigner when he declared the Democrats had enough votes to initiate measures and the progressive Republicans hold enough force to put them over.

The farmers of the country, Bryan declared, are in the "worst condition since I have been in politics."

"In the old hard times we sold at low prices, but we were buying at low prices. Now we sell at low prices, but have to buy at high prices, and yet they object to a farmer on the Federal Reserve Board."

Concluding, Bryan said that the next President "must be progressive and he must be dry."

As a result of their isolation the Hawaiian Islands have evolved six hundred and fifty species of plant life found nowhere else in the world.

MISSOURI WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Campbell—Construction started on new hard-surfaced bridge on state highway.

St. Louis—Elder garment plant of Webb City to be transferred to Elder Manufacturing Company of this city.

New Florence—Holmes & Company of Troy given contract for building rock road to Davault school at cost of \$29,000.

West Ely—Six farmers in this vicinity organize limestone company to manufacture fertilizer.

State highway commission lets contract for 136 bridges in 1923, constructed as part of Missouri road system at total cost of \$3,934,453.

Slater—New Baptist church to be built.

St. Joseph—\$600,000 to be spent for repairs to plant of St. Joseph Water Company.

Boonville—New \$500,000 high bridge spanning Missouri river completed.

Republic—Plans under way for raising funds to build shoe factory.

Washington—Washington Building & Loan Association to increase capital stock to \$1,000,000.

Pendleton—New Bank of Pendleton organized with capital stock of \$10,000.

Springfield—10 supervised playgrounds to be established at cost of approximately \$3000.

Joplin—New 8-story office building to be erected.

New Hampton—Contract to be let for paving Jefferson highway from Bethany township line to Gentry county line west of this point.

Joplin—Southwest Missouri Railroad company begins paving right-of-way portion of Main street from 20th street to 32nd.

St. Joseph—Erection of new M. E. Church planned.

Monett—Local contractors to build 9 miles of road in Camden and Boone counties.

Joplin—Repaving of Main and Joplin streets under consideration.

Perryville—Plans completed for erection of new Grange building.

Hannibal—Hannibal Railway & Electric Company considering operation of buses to supplement car lines.

New building construction in this country expected to reach \$5,560,366, 700 this year.

Cameron—Building of 70-room hotel costing approximately \$150,000 under consideration.

Trenton—Work on Farmers Cold Storage plant to be resumed at once.

Lamar—2500 feet of additional water mains to be laid.

New cash receipts of American farmers this year will be over \$600,000,000 above last year's total, according to research department of American Farm Bureau Federation. Nearly half is to be credited to the cotton crop.

Kansas City—Construction of 14-story apartment hotel costing \$750,000 planned.

Railroads of this country in 1923 placed in service 197,875 new freight cars and 4,037 new locomotives, the largest amount of new rolling stock installed in any one year for the past ten years.

Novinger—Kansas City Midland Coal and Mining Company installing additional machinery in mine No. 7.

Missouri to spend approximately \$13,000,000 for road construction during present year.

Electrical industries of this country used 800,000,000 lbs. of copper in 1923, or approximately one-half of all copper consumed in the United States, says report of Copper and Brass Research Association. This was a substantial increase over 1922 and a large part of the gain is credited to use in radio sets.

Kansas City—Site on Campbell street purchased for erection of \$20,000 factory.

A Pipe Dream

What a wonderful thing it would be for the taxpayers if an honest-to-goodness business investigation, free from the hampering strings of politics, could be carried on in every department of the government. It is probable that such an investigation, if the investigators had the power to hire and fire as occasion demanded, would result in annual savings to the taxpayers far in excess of any savings that may be hoped for as a result of investigating private business which is subject to private competition and which must sink or swim on efficiency in management.

Strikes and lockouts in United States during 1923 cost American public, including employees and employers, \$703,839,575 and consumed 20,551,140 working days. During the eight years from 1916 to 1923, inclusive, entire loss was \$12,522,203,356, consuming 424,329,088 full working days.



To the Mother of the Large Family

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LINKING UP LOCAL WITH NATIONAL ADVERTISING

Perhaps our readers have taken notice of a series of advertisements for the Corn Products Refining Company in behalf of their new product, Limit, which they claim is a very superior sort of starch, highly recommended to housewives and all users of starch. No doubt we have several dealers in the city who handle this product and this is a most excellent opportunity for them to link up their local advertising with that of the manufacturers, whereby they will get the benefit of both.

On Friday of this week we will publish a coupon advertisement which will entitle all readers of the paper to secure two packages of this valuable starch for the price of one. Every dealer in Sikeston should by or before that time announce himself as such and endeavor to secure the privilege of making the sale and distributing the free package. Likewise every reader of The Standard should not fail to watch for this coupon and take advantage of the offer, for it is only through the use of this printed coupon that one may obtain the free package.

Unless the Sikeston dealer lets the people know he handles this product, the reader will not know to whom to apply for his package, therefore, it is essential that the announcement be made by some one or as many as are handling Limit. We do not believe our wide-awake grocers are going to overlook this opportunity.

Along with this campaign is another in behalf of Karo Syrup, which is a product of the same company. The wise merchant who handles this article can well afford to avail himself of the cumulative effect of this intelligent and attractive publicity by linking his own advertising with it during the campaign now in progress. A word to the wise usually is sufficient—it just depends upon how much real wisdom the wise possess.

In Paris the number of births in 1923 was 46,400, against 48,000 in 1922.

A large gyro-electric plant in Searsburg, Vermont, located far in the wilderness, regulates itself without human aid. It is wholly automatic in control and if serious trouble arises its mechanism, it shuts down and stays shut down until experts make things right again. It has a capacity of 6500 horse power.

SIKESTON MAN ESCAPES THRU ARMY RECORD

Danville, Ill., March 20.—A good record in the world war was about all that saved Thomas G. Greer, a member of the United States Aviation Corps, from a term in the Leavenworth prison when he entered a plea of guilty before Judge Walter Lindley of the United States District Court.

Greer, a resident of Sikeston, Mo., was stationed at Kelly Field, near San Antonio, Tex., last summer and was transferred to West Frankfort, Ill., to look after some special work. He telegraphed transportation for a girl at St. Louis to meet him at West Frankfort, and the arrest followed.

Greer, who had already served 112 days in jail awaiting trial, was given sixty additional days.

The Sikeston Standard, \$1.50 year.

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ENGLISHMAN VISITS GRAVE OF EDGAR ALLEN POE

At the back of the market place in Baltimore, Md., by the side of a church that seems visibly to be sinking into the earth, lies the grave of Edgar Allen Poe. Upon the tombstone are certain tributes, but they are French. There is no tribute from his own country, America.

It was a gray, drizzling day when I visited the grave. I had gone shopping with my hostess at the market, and she said that we would visit the grave on the way back to the house. Fresh from the atmosphere of meat, fish and flowers, we came to the old church—Westminster Presbyterian church, at the corner of Green and Lafayette streets. Just inside the iron railing, a few feet from the curb, lies the present grave. But none of the passers-by stopped to look at it. To be precise, no one stopped until they saw us examining it, and then they looked at us in a sort of wonder.

I found the negro sexton at a side entrance, talking to a white idler. When I mentioned that my hostess and I wished to see the grave more closely he broke away from his companion readily enough, for he associates the grave with baksheesh, tips. All he knows is that for some inexplicable reason a few people come to visit this particular grave, and that if he is attentive they usually leave certain coins in his palm.

"Come right troo—right troo" he ejaculated. And we followed at his heels through the crumbling church, came by the side of the pulpit, thru a small room hung with childish pictures—"Dis yer's the chillun' little kindergarten", explained our guide—and out into the graveyard on the left hand side of the church.

Out of the wet grass rose a tombstone bearing this legend: "Quoth the Raven, Nevermore. Original burial place of Edgar Allen Poe from October 9, 1849, until November 17, 1875. (Mrs. Marie Clemm, his mother-in-law, lies upon his right and Virginia Poe, his wife, upon his left, under the monument erected to him in this cemetery". Below the quotation is a crudely carved figure of a raven. On the left of this stone was another which set forth that it marked the burial place of David Poe, senior, "patriot and grandfather of Edgar Allan Poe, born in Londonberry, Ireland, in 1743. Died in Baltimore, October 17, 1816."

When I had copied the inscriptions the negro sexton proceeded to lead the way to the grave in which Poe now lies. We passed under the church through a sort of cellar containing the heating apparatus. Hot water pipes ran over and between vaults marked with various names. On one vault, inscribed with the name of

Brown, I perceived in the gloom a large wreath with the French colors and a large gilt crown. The sexton informed us that the late Brown had been the richest man of his time in Baltimore, and I reflected that he must have been held in high esteem, since his fellow citizens had conferred a wreath and crown upon his vault.

We came out into wet grass again on the right hand side of the church. Here were more vaults. Finally we came to the present grave of Poe.

Standing in the gray drizzle, our coats turned up round our ears, we beheld a stone with a bronze plaque on one side thus inscribed: "A la memoire d'Edgar Allan Poe eternellement cher dans les coeurs de ses amis Francais". This plaque, it appears, was sent by the French Literary Society. Another side of the stone bore a wretchedly carved bust of the dead poet, and several grotesque looking lyres had been hacked out above.

"That there was brought by a French count", said the sexton, apropos of the plaque. And now the mystery of the crown and the wreath on the vault of the late Brown was to be explained. "That wreath and crown was brought by the count too", said the sexton. "When it rains Ah put um inside on that other vault."

We placed some flowers on the grave, took a couple of snapshots—no pictures are on sale in the shops—and went away in the drizzle, leaving some baksheesh in the black hand of our guide.

We went away wondering what Poe would think of it all—the crumbling Presbyterian church, the dreary graveyard, the negro sexton, the absence of any American tributes, the hanging of his French wreath and crown on the vault of the late Brown, richest man of his time in Baltimore. —Rex Hunter in the Bookman, London.

Free Smoke

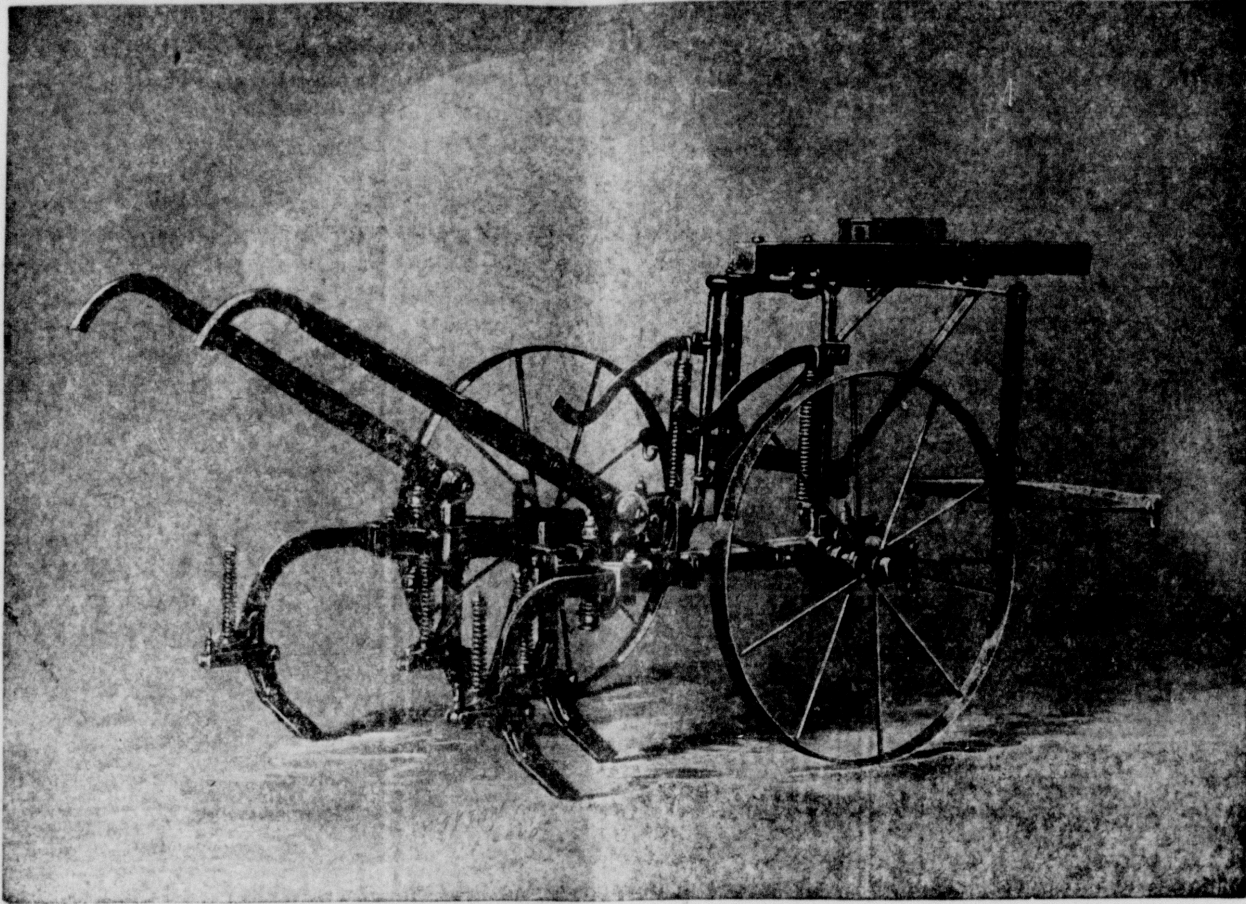
A wily old Scot at one time had occasion for a long railroad journey. Scarcely had he become comfortably settled in a corner of the smoker when a stranger entered and seated himself by his side. For a time there was silence between them, while from all sides clouds of tobacco smoke rose into the already heavily laden atmosphere.

The stranger, seeing a cigar in the old man's pocket, turned to him and said:

"My man, why don't you smoke your cigar?"

The old fellow looked about cautiously before replying.

"Hush, mon!" he whispered. "Can ye nae see I'm getting all this smoke free?"—Everybody's Magazine.



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Hammers the Table—Gets Action

The position occupied by Chas. G. Dawes and O. D. Young as members of the American committee of the Reparations Commission, working out a plan to rehabilitate German finances, are unique in the world's history.

The American members of this committee are paying their own expenses in Europe, are not obligated to any foreign power and are not hampered through fear of overstepping some point of diplomatic etiquette. The neutrality and independence of both men has made them outstanding figures in this work for world rehabilitation. Unconcerned with political expectations and anxieties of the various European governments, they have been able to play a dominant part in shaping the course of the expert's work.

Dawes, puffing his pipe and occasionally hammering the table, makes his points efficiently and keeps the committee seeking a purely business solution. Young coolly handles the matters as though he were dealing with an ordinary business problem in the board room of a corporation. The keen directness of the men has inspired confidence and also admiration.

Five years of political jealousies and intrigue have almost wrecked Europe. A few weeks of business consideration of its problems by competent men will evolve a businesslike solution of the questions at issue, which European kings, presidents or premiers will not dare disregard.

The activities of Dawes and Young are having a greater effect on Europe today than the work of any American since Woodrow Wilson.

Allow the water to run a few minutes every morning before filling the kettle. Water that has been in lead pipes all night is unwholesome.

A tablespoonful of milk in which a little brown sugar has been dissolved will glaze cakes and pastry just as well as the white of an egg.

To remove mud stains from black silk or woolen dresses, let the material become perfectly dry and then brush off the mud. Any stain that remains should be washed with a piece of flannel dipped in hot coffee to which a little ammonia has been added.

A Real Shipping Board

The act of Congress creating the federal Shipping Board especially provides that anyone having a direct interest in a shipping corporation shall be ineligible.

Hence we find advertising men, criminal lawyers, professional politicians, anything but practical and experienced professional shipping men on the Board.

Retired Senators and other federal office holders have composed its membership in the past and our country's four billion dollar investment in ships has been lucrative as a political plum tree.

It is a clear case of political administration of a trust that is purely a matter of expert business ability and should have non-political business management.

Could railroads, public utilities or great industries be managed by other than experts in those lines and succeed?

Would not public ownership or control of such industries mean the same kind of management as in the shipping board, with resulting heavy losses to taxpayers?—Industrial News.

Blankets netted the Navajo Indians \$150,000 for their weaving last year.

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Supremely Unavailable

Unless the Republican party is desirous of committing suicide it will not renominate Calvin Coolidge. It did not nominate President Arthur at the conclusion of his accidental service as President; it never occurred to it that no one but Mr. Arthur could uphold the standard of the party in the campaign of 1884. To maintain, as so many do, that Mr. Coolidge must be nominated merely because he is the incumbent is preposterous. The favorable votes of party conventions in Minnesota and Iowa mean little. When the national convention is at hand the Republicans will hardly court deliberate defeat by selecting this man whose whole record shows that he is grossly inadequate to the tasks to which he has fallen heir, who has failed utterly to rise to the need of the hour, and at this writing stands convicted by his own telegrams of being a cordial friend of the group which is responsible for the existing shame of the republic. We do not mean to insinuate that he has connived deliberately at wrongdoing. But there is no escaping the fact that he has shown the grossest misunderstanding of the gravity of the situation. A man able and willing to continue to associate on friendly terms with Mr. McLean after his confession that he had deceived the Senators investigating the oil transaction is obviously unfitted for the office of President. Mr. Lodge would have served Mr. Coolidge, their party and the country better if, instead of defending the President, he had frankly stated it as his opinion that Mr. Coolidge, their party and the country better if, instead of defending the President, he had frankly stated it as his opinion that Mr. Coolidge would do well to retire from the presidency.—The Nation.

Ohio has more United States pensioners than any other state.

Boil the silver spoons in the water in which the potatoes have been boiled, then rub them with a chamois or soft linen. This is an easy way to keep the small silver bright.

The income from money invested in tax-exempt securities escapes all forms of taxation, thus adding greatly to the tax burdens of other investments and business enterprises.

MEN IN SUBMARINE DESCRIBE EXPERIENCE

Tokio, March 20.—Graphic descriptions of the emotions of eighteen men facing a slow death from suffocation are being received by underwater telephone from survivors trapped within the Japanese navy submarine 43, resting on the sea bottom off Sasebo Harbor, according to dispatches today to the Navy Department here from the Sasebo naval base.

Through the underwater telephone communication which has been established it was determined that 24 men and two officers, one of them Commander Kuwasima, perished when the forward compartment was flooded as a result of the shattering of the conning tower in a collision yesterday with the warship Tatsuta. Two engineer officers and 16 men still are alive, and by means of the telephone vivid stories of their sufferings are being heard by rescue workers on warships standing by.

Ten divers today were striving to attach chains by which the submarine could be pulled up with heavy winches.

The collision which sent the craft to the bottom in 26 fathoms of water occurred just as the submarine was coming to the surface with her periscope showing.

Doubtful Motives

In the family that had moved next door to the Smiths was a boy about seven years old. The Smiths had a little girl, Virginia, just the same age. Everyone expected the children to become playmates at once, but almost a week passed before they noticed each other. Then the boy came over to play with Virginia. Virginia, however, immediately went into the house.

"Why, what's the matter, Virginia?" her mother asked. "I thought you had been wanting to play with the new boy."

"Well, I did at first," Virginia admitted, "but I don't care so much about it now, at least not today."

"Why don't you want to play with him?" mother asked.

"Oh, mamma!" Virginia exclaimed. "He's had a whole week to come over here and hasn't done it. Now I've got so I don't care whether he comes or not."—Kansas City Star.

Just before putting the meringue on a pie stir in two tablespoonfuls of boiling water. This will keep the meringue from running.

MELLON USED LOWER OF TAX ESTIMATES

Washington, March 20.—Interest in the Senate Finance Committee's consideration of the revenue bill approved by the House turned again today to the approaching fight on the income tax rates.

A report submitted to the committee by Undersecretary Winston of the Treasury showed the Treasury in its estimates as to the probable revenue which would be collected next year, and on which it figured the surplus available for tax reduction, had used the lower figures of two different estimates.

If the maximum estimates had been used it showed that \$88,415,000 more would be collected in the fiscal year 1924 and \$248,415,000 more in the fiscal year 1925 than under the figures accepted by the Treasury. The Treasury had figured on the basis of the lower estimates that a surplus of \$329,000,000 would be available in the fiscal year 1924 and \$395,000,000 in the following year, the first in which the new revenue law would apply.

The higher estimates on prospective receipts for the next two years were prepared by Joseph McCoy, government actuary, the report showed. The accepted estimates were submitted by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. McCoy's estimate as to probable collections in customs were accepted for the fiscal year 1925 and were \$82,000,000 below the estimates of the director of customs, whose estimates for probable receipts in 1924 were used.

The report was submitted to the committee without comment.

Representative Garner of Texas, ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, who previously had asked the Treasury for tax rate estimates, declared today that the report submitted to the Senate committee shows conclusively the Secretary of the Treasury has several sets of estimates and uses those which will best suit his argument.

The withdrawal of non-beverage whiskey during the calendar year of 1923 was only 1,696,360 gallons as compared with 27,381,365 gallons in 1919, according to Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

The tomb of Virgil is to be purchased by the government of Italy. The surrounding plot, transformed into a garden of the Neo-Roman style, with laurel, myrtle and roses, will become a shrine for lovers of the poet.

MONDAY

famous once in the calendar
Now just a day in the week

Turn back the calendar a century or so and you'd find yourself in an era of famous Mondays.

For instance, in England, there was Plough Monday, when farmer lads held festival; Collop Monday, when school-boys penned verses to Bacchus; Mace Monday, with its feasts of bacon and beans; Black Monday, Fat Monday, Bloody Monday, and many more.

Finally, here in America, there was "Blue Monday", observed by women every week—not with feasts and merrymaking, but with fatiguing toil, with tiring rubbing and scrubbing and lifting. For "Blue Monday" was washday.

But today—who remembers all these famous Mondays? Plough Monday, Mace Monday and the rest are scarcely mentioned outside of books on antiquities. And the 'Blue Monday' that was washday has become—well, just a day of the week.

For our modern laundry has brought to hundreds of women both relief from the worst of household drudgery and, too, the advantage of five washdays. Now hundreds of women send their bundles to the laundry on Thursday and Friday; other hundreds on Tuesday and Wednesday; while some still prefer the old-fashioned Monday.

Naturally, every woman who uses the laundry has benefited. Prompt, dependable delivery, better work, lower prices—all these are results of the five-washday practice.

This has also enabled our laundry to offer a far wider variety of services. If you desire it, there is a complete all-ironed service. If you prefer to do some of the ironing yourself, there are a number of semi-finished services. And if you would rather do all the ironing at home, with just the washing cared for by the laundry, such a service is available.



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YOUNG'S LUMBER YARD

REED ADMITS HE IS OUT OF RACE

Washington, March 23.—Senator James A. Reed of Missouri admits he is out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination and declares that he seeks no further recognition by way of election as a delegate to the national convention from the Missouri Democracy. Reed eliminates himself in a statement he sent to the Globe-Democrat's Washington Bureau, in which he says that since he failed to secure a decisive endorsement in his home state, he would not ask the state convention at Springfield to in any manner support his candidacy or to confer upon him any favors whatsoever. Then follows the significant sentence:

"I expect to abide by the decision of the people of Missouri rendered at the August primaries and to heartily support our ticket."

However, Reed adds that "Should the state convention adopt a platform," he "trusts" that all of his friends will insist that it shall, as one of its planks reaffirm adherence to the declaration of the last state platform which proclaimed the doctrine of civil and religious liberty and denounced all efforts to proscribe any part of the people on account of race or religion. This, of course, refers to the Ku Klux Klan, whose candidate Reed has insisted is McAdoo.

Reed's statement follows: "A multitude of my friends and supporters throughout Missouri have written me, asking an expression of opinion as to what course should be followed in the state convention. As individual answers are almost impossible, a public statement seems desirable. This course appears all the more necessary because the interests of the entire party are involved."

"In asking the endorsement at the national convention of the Democrat of Missouri, I had hoped that no considerable antagonism or bitterness would be expected. There expectations, as all know, were not realized."

"It avails nothing now to discuss the question of mass conventions or the other factors contributing to the or to us, unsatisfactory result. We must as party adherents unite our forces to bring about the selection of candidates, state and national who will command the confidence of the people and whose nomination will assure the triumph of the Democratic party in November."

"I regard it as the duty of all of our delegates to attend the state convention and to urge that the delegates honestly elected shall be seated. It is to be hoped that the State Committee in making up the temporary roll of delegates will act impartially. Should it fail to adopt that course, it will assume a grave responsibility."

"Our friends ought to pursue a judicious and temperate course of action throughout the convention and urge the selection of delegates to the national convention who will represent the dignity of the great Democratic party of the state and whose influence in the national convention will be potential for the adoption of a sound platform and the nomination of the best candidates."

"Should the state convention adopt a platform, I trust that all of my friends will insist that it shall reaffirm, as one of its prominent planks, our adherence to the declaration of the last state convention, which proclaimed the doctrine of civil and religious liberty and denounced all efforts, whether by groups or individuals, to proscribe any parts of the people on account of race or religion. This is American doctrine. The right of the people to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences and to enjoy the blessings of liberty secured by the federal bill of rights is of the very essence of American democracy and is essential to the preservation of the republic."

"Speaking particularly for myself, I have to say that as I failed to secure a decisive endorsement, I to in any manner support my candidacy or to confer upon me any favors whatsoever."

"I expect to abide by the decision of the people of Missouri rendered in the August primaries and to heartily support our ticket."

"To all of my friends who have so unselfishly fought my battles, and as we believed the battles of real democracy, I send my most cordial and heartfelt greetings and thanks."

PREPARING FOR THE STATE CONVENTION

The Democratic State Convention will meet in Springfield the middle of next month, for the purpose of electing delegates to the next National Convention, which will meet in New York for the purpose of nominating a Democratic National ticket. The State Convention will also elect a National Committeeman to serve the State in that capacity for the next four years.

In view of the overwhelming defeat of the Reed forces in the recent conventions in the State, it is very apparent that should Senator Reed, or his supporters, appear in that convention and attempt to dictate its policies or proceedings in any way, then it is altogether likely that he will be given even a more resounding "knockout" than the one he received in the Joplin convention four years ago. Indications are those who will likely be in control of the Springfield convention will not stand for any more "monkey wrenches" being thrown into the party machinery by the opposition. They are adamant on that proposition, and the only thing that will save the Senior Senator from an unmerciful trouncing at that time is for he and his supporters, who may be in that convention, to keep very quiet.

According to The Times information, only three members of Missouri's big four to the National Convention have as yet been tentatively agreed upon. They are: Hon. Frank H. Farris, of Rolla, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee; Judge Charles Mayer, of St. Joseph, and Hon. Chas. M. Hay, of St. Louis. The fourth member is yet to be agreed upon. It also seems likely, at this time, that the Missouri delegation will go unrepresented. Hon. Breckenridge Long appears to be in the lead in the race for National Committeeman.—Farmington Times.

SCHOOLS DEMAND WELL TRAINED TEACHERS

Jefferson City, March 21.—"The greatest task which confronts Missouri today educationally is the training of teachers," said State Superintendent Chas. A. Lee. "Education," Lee continued, "will never be what it should be until every child in the State has the advantage of going to a well trained teacher."

He continued with the following statement: "The State Department has already started the movement to try to get every teacher in the State, who does not hold a degree, in summer school next summer. There will be seven State institutions besides several private colleges holding summer schools this summer to which all the work is devoted to training teachers. Last summer there were more than ten thousand teachers or persons preparing to teach enrolled in State institutions. This number is expected to increase to more than twelve thousand this year."

In carrying out this program of better trained teachers the State Superintendent is asking all Boards of education to employ the best trained teachers available.

Mrs. W. A. Anthony left for Fredricktown.

Mrs. Finis Jones spent Sunday at Vanduser with relatives.

100 Frost Proof Pansy plants sent to any address upon receipt of 50c.—H. W. Peterson, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Mrs. James Matthews, who has been the guest of her sisters, Mrs. Lyman Bowman and Mrs. Scott, returned to her home Friday.

Mrs. A. L. Harper of St. Louis, who has been the guest of her sisters, Mrs. F. D. Denton and Mrs. Wade Sitz, returned to her home, Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Hill of Matthews, mother of Mrs. Amos Buchanan, was taken to Cairo, Friday morning to St. Mary's Infirmary, for an operation. Mrs. Hill was accompanied to Cairo by Mrs. Buchanan.

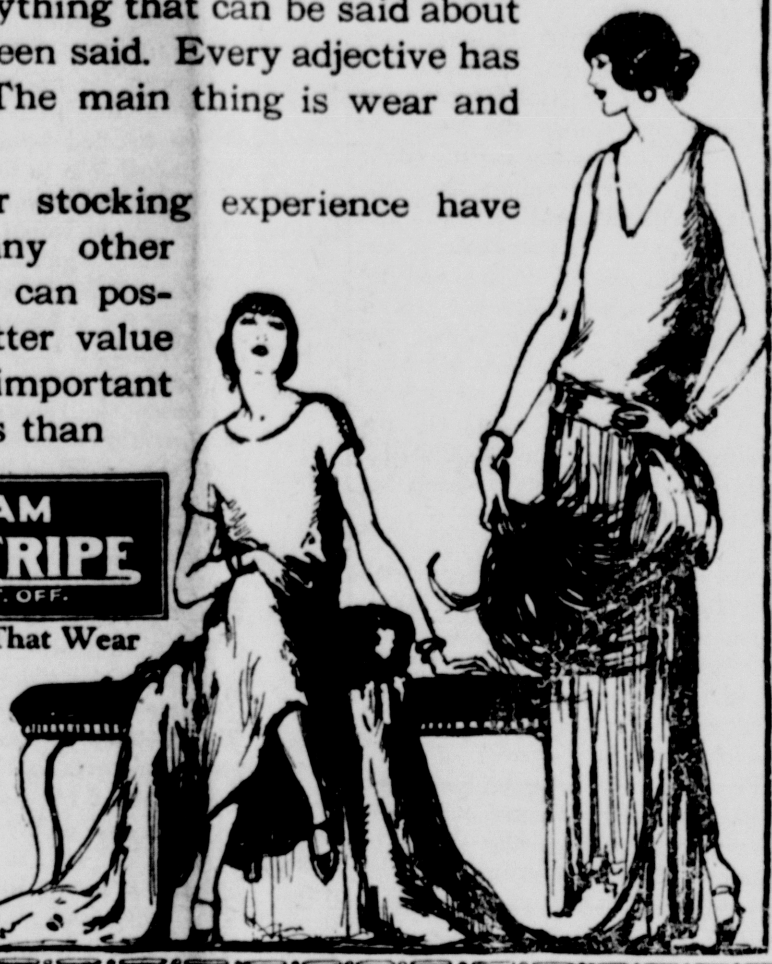
Sunday night a car belonging to the Ozment's, about Salcedo, ran into Mrs. Joe Brown, Mrs. Mollie Keith and Squire Payne's daughter, knocking them down and bruising them considerably, fortunately no bones were broken. The Ozment car was traveling slowly, but a car with a blinding light was coming from the opposite direction which blinded the Ozment driver so he could not see where he was going. The accident happened near the Frisco station. No blame is attached to anyone for the accident as it was one of the things that was unforeseen.

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Road Revenue By Initiative

The plan to meet the highway crisis by passing a measure under the initiative device, received a decided impetus when it was given the cordial endorsement of the Automobile Club of Missouri. In the form in which it was suggested, the measure would authorize an increase of 50 per cent in the motor car license fees and a state tax of two cents a gallon on sales of gasoline.

Theoretically, the proceeds of \$60,000,000 in bonds were placed at the disposal of the State Highway Board for the construction of the new state road system. Practically, the amount of bonds outstanding at any one time is limited by the size of the fund reserved for paying the interest and sinking installments. That fund can now be replenished only by the receipts from auto licenses, and with other demands on those receipts, further bonds can be sold only at considerable intervals of time and in small quantities. That the highway system shall be completed and placed at the service of the public within the shortest possible time is extremely desirable and the higher license fees will give approximately \$2,000,000 more in revenue and the gasoline tax will bring in a generous sum.

A tax once created is seldom lessened, and while an ample amount should be provided for in the new plan, it should not be greater than the need. To do so might jeopardize approval at the polls. The very plan of submitting the proposal under the initiative will insure favorable attention on a wide scale for a sound plan. Five per cent of the voters in eleven of the sixteen congressional districts will suffice for the petitions, but it is contemplated that at least 80,000 signatures shall be obtained, and to have so great a number committed to the project in advance will organize a compact body of opinion for "aye" votes at the polls.

The initiated taxes cannot be voted on until November, two months before the General Assembly. However, the new license fees could hardly be authorized by the General Assembly in time to become operative before February 1, the date on which the fees are payable. Enactment by initiative will save three months even on a General Assembly measure given immediate effect in January, and, on a bill taking effect three months after the session ends, will save eight months. As a matter of fact, unless bonds can be sold and constructive plans perfected early in the year for the season of 1925, an entire

year will be lost. The effort under the initiative has the stronger appeal because its only alternative is long delay and highway disorganization.—Globe-Democrat.

Ned Tanner a Benedict

Ned Tanner of this city slipped off to St. Louis Thursday night and was married in that city Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock to Miss Aileen Mae Warner of St. Louis, the Rev. Garrison, officiating.

The bride will be remembered as a guest of Miss Alfreda Baty during the Fair last fall and was classed as one of the handsomest of girls of that time.

Ned Tanner is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Tanner, was raised in Sikeston and has a host of friends, who are congratulating him on his step to solve the matrimonial problem.

The newlyweds are at home with the groom's parents and as yet have made no arrangements for the future.

The Standard joins in wishing the young people all the joy possible in their journey down life's pathway.

Mrs. Estele de Cant, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, is very much improved at this writing.

The W. C. T. U. of New Madrid have organized the colored people of that city into a Temperance Union. This is good work as our colored brethren are "pizen" after booze and most of their trouble is caused by the use of it.

The hard road through the Robinson Lumber Co. is now open and being used by the public. It will be but a few weeks at most until the entire road to the St. Francis River will be open. Between the St. Francis River and Poplar Bluff, 90 per cent of the grading is finished and the material on hand for the building of this 14-mile stretch of concrete road. Sikeston will be in auto touch of Poplar Bluff every day in the year by early fall.

The American Legion dance that was given Thursday night was the most successful dance ever witnessed here. The music was one of the best ever heard in Sikeston, which was furnished by the Willard-Robinson Orchestra of Kansas City. The attendance was good. Several out-of-town visitors were in attendance. The Legion was very much encouraged for the courtesy they were given and they expect to give another dance at an early date.

A Jewish State in Russia

Students of biblical prophecies are watching with interest the announced intention of the Soviet commissars to create a Jewish state in the Crimea, governed by the Jews, who constitute the bulk of the population.

While the Jews themselves differ somewhat in the matter of the dispersal and final regathering of their race into new power in Palestine, the great majority of Christian Bible students interpret the various dispersal prophecies to mean that never shall the Jews enjoy government or national life of their own until they are brought again from the four corners of the earth, from all the nations and the isles of the sea to their home land.

Since the Assyrians took away from Samaria the ten tribes and scattered them that their identity has been a puzzle for some twenty-five centuries, and the Babylonians later took the other two tribes, and the Romans dispersed the remnant when Titus sacked Jerusalem in A. D. 71, this complete distribution of the Jews among the nations of the earth, holding fast to their racial purity, but having not a semblance of national life, has continued unbroken.

Will Trotsky and his fellow Jews, who are the brains of the Soviet Government, be able to create a Jewish state of sufficient self-government and individuality to negative the age-long understanding of the prophecies of the Bible as to their lack of any sort of national life until that unknown date when it shall again be established in Palestine?—Globe-Democrat.

Mrs. R. A. Moll and children, of Tamm, Ill., arrived in Sikeston Friday afternoon for an extended visit with Mrs. Moll's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard.

The Loebe Bill Posting Co. of Charleston have had a force of workmen repairing and erecting more boards in Sikeston. Simon Loebe spends his money he makes in bill posting on his Charleston Times, but he is having a lot of fun as he goes along.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Norrid and daughter, who have been resident of Sikeston the past twenty years, left Sunday for Waco, Texas, where they will make their future home with La Rue, a son. Both Mr. Norrid and wife have been in poor health for quite a while and friends and acquaintance here wish for them better health in their new home.

PLANS MADE FOR COMPLETING BENTON-CHARLESTON ROAD

Plans for the construction of the portion of the Charleston-Benton road in Mississippi county were completed this week by the state highway department and the county court at an adjourned meeting Monday took action toward the condemnation of the right of way needed. The project is the last of the designated state road mileage in this county, the remainder either being completed or under construction, and it was the intention of the highway department that the contract for the work should be let in April, but owing to the condemnation proceedings, the contract date will be delayed.

The Charleston-Benton road, which is to be built of gravel, will form a junction with the Charleston-Benton road at Childress' corner, about three and a half miles west of Charleston. It will run due west thru the Lett farm for one-quarter of a mile, thence north of Diehlstadt, with a slight jog at the point where the road will run along the boundary line between Mississippi and Scott counties. This will involve an entire new right of way in Mississippi county, some damages to property will result, the road passing through the site occupied by a large barn on the Charles R. Love farm and through a pond on the same farm and also splitting other farms into old tracts. Eight land owners in this county are affected.

The highway department has made an appropriation sufficient to build this road from the Childress' corner to within half a mile of Diehlstadt, and an appropriation has also been made and contract will be awarded March 20 for the building of 3.7 miles more on this same project, north from the Misfeldt place. About two and a half miles through the Northeut cypress, from a point north of Diehlstadt to the Mefeldt place, were completed last year, and hence with the construction ordered, only a gap of about a mile between this work and the north end of the Mississippi county contract will remain uncompleted on the southern end of the project this year.—Charleston Enterprise-Courier.

We Don't Need Bergdoll

A dispatch that came to The Missourian yesterday stated that Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, notorious German draft dodger, had agreed to return from his refuge in Germany and stand trial in this country.

The government says it will make no agreement with Bergdoll whereby immunity is to be extended as an inducement for his return.

The United States can get along very well without Bergdoll. The fewer of his kind there are in this country the better off we shall be. Every year our immigration laws shut the doors of this nation in the faces of thousands of foreigners not one whit less desirable than this Bergdoll.

"The man who will not voluntarily fight for his country is unfit to live in any country," says the Memphis Commercial Appeal. "Regardless of the justice or injustice of the cause for which a man fights, his enemy on the battlefield respects him for his courage. German veterans of the World War have expressed admiration for the American soldiers who faced them and proved their undoing. They can have none for Bergdoll."

"Let Germany or any other country that will tolerate his presence do so. Exile from the United States, even though it assure freedom otherwise, hurts him far more than his presence in a federal prison here would benefit us."

The whole case simply makes Bergdoll look more despicable. It shows he cannot make himself stay away from the country he would not fight for.—Cape Missourian.

L. D. Randol spent Monday at Oran on business.

Miss Mary Casey left Sunday for her home at Fredericktown to be gone several days.

Mrs. Ethel Green and children of Mayfield, Ky., are visiting Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Malcolm.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reed and babe and Mrs. Reed, of Benton were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Malone.

Virginia Randol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Randol, who has been on the sick list, is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. M. Points of Cape Girardeau, who has been in Sikeston the past few weeks, returned to her home Saturday afternoon.

OBJECTING TO HYDE'S KEEPING NATIONS

Jefferson City, March 21.—Gov. Hyde yesterday admitted that he has received letters from a number of Republicans protesting against his announced decision to retain State Labor Commissioner Heber Nations as a member of the State administration, despite Nations' prominent place in news of a Federal inquiry conducted into the sale of "priced" beer in St. Louis. The Commissioner's name was inserted into the beer news by his father, Gus O. Nations, Missouri chief of field forces, prohibition enforcement division.

Hyde had determined to get rid of the Labor Commissioner, his intimates declared, but that official met the Governor in Kansas City and in an interview which has been described as "short and snappy", changed Hyde's intentions. Before proceeding westward to meet the Governor, Commissioner Nations had given out in St. Louis an interview which charged that old guard Republican politicians had instigated the inquiry and branded it as an attack on the Hyde administration.

The Republican State administration here consists of about four wings. The larger attaches to the Governor. One is led by State Auditor Hackmann, a third consists of Secretary of State Becker and his friends, and the fourth contains the rest of the Republicans.

Lieutenants of the Hyde group have accepted the Labor Commissioner's statement as their text on the beer inquiry.

"Didn't Heber hand it back to them?" the Hyde votaries inquire.

The three other wings are not so chipper about the matter. None of them pretends to pass on whether Nations is innocent, but they see a considerable political liability in his continued connection with the Republican State administration until the matter is cleared up. None of them will consent to be quoted but in private conversation they are rather outspoken.

It is believed, however, that the Governor will play out the hand which has been dealt to him. He declared that the letters objecting to his retention of Nations were fewer than those received from ministers and others in St. Louis espousing the Nations cause, and that he had determined to disregard the letters which were political in their reasoning.

A Hot Shot From An Indian

The centenary of the Indian bureau reminds us of a story which has some application in these days. It is less of a reflection on congress than on the voters.

A young Cherokee had been sent to Washington by his tribe to appear before a senate committee in an effort to negotiate an advantageous settlement if a claim. A senator, examining him, suggested an effort at undue influence.

The young Indian denied it. "But it is a fact, isn't it," persisted the senator, "that the Cherokee nation selected you as its ablest man to come up here and influence this committee?"

"That was not the purpose," denied the Indian, "and I am just an ordinary Cherokee Indian without any special abilities."

"That does not stand to reason," said the senator. "The Cherokees would naturally select their smartest man for a job like this."

"Now, senator," protested the Indian, "the Cherokee Indians are just like the rest of the people of the United States—they never do send their smartest men to Washington.—The Outlook.

When a Senator boards an elevator in the Capitol is must not be stopped for other passengers until the Senator gets off.

C. C. Myers of Oran is candidate for office of assessor of Scott County on the Democratic ticket, he having filed his declaration of intention on Monday. My Myers was born and raised on a farm between Benton and Oran and has been an active Democrat for a good many years. For two terms he has served as constable of Sylvania township. He is qualified to handle the office in a way that will be satisfactory to the people and a credit to himself. Any consideration given his claims, at the August primary, will be greatly appreciated by Mr. Myers.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce Tom
Scott as a candidate for the nomina-
tion of Sheriff of Scott County, sub-
ject to the will of the voters at the
August primary.We are authorized to announce F.
K. Sneed of Chaffee for Sheriff of
Scott County, subject to the will of
the Democratic voters at the August
primary.We are authorized to announce
Parm A. Stone of Skeston for Sher-
iff of Scott County, subject to the will
of the Democratic voters at the Aug-
ust primary.We are authorized to announce L.
P. Gober of Vanduser for Sheriff of
Scott County, subject to the will of
the Democratic voters at the August
primary.We are authorized to announce
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didate for Sheriff, of Scott County,
subject to the will of the voters at
the August primary.We are authorized to announce
Bob Cannon, of Benton, as candidate
for Sheriff of Scott County, subject
to the will of the voters at the pri-
mary in August.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce
Chas. A. Stallings, of Morley, for
Assessor of Scott County, subject to
the will of the Democratic voters at
the August primary.We are authorized to announce
Geo. C. Bean, of Illinois, for assessor
of Scott County, subject to the will
of the Democratic voters at the Aug-
ust primary.We are authorized to announce
Angles W. Boyman of Morley, for
County Assessor, subject to the will
of the voters at the August primary.We are authorized to announce C.
Myers of Oran as Democratic can-
didate for the office of Assessor, sub-
ject to the will of the voters at the
August primary.

MAYOR

We are authorized to announce C.
E. Felker, as candidate for Mayor of
Skeston, subject to the will of the
voters at the April election.We are authorized to announce J.
E. Smith, Sr., as candidate for May-
or, of Skeston, subject to the will of
the voters at the April election.

CITY ATTORNEY

We are authorized to announce W.
L. Patterson as candidate for City
Attorney of Skeston, subject to the
will of the voters at the April elec-
tion.We are authorized to announce
Roger Bailey as candidate for City
Attorney, subject to the will of the
voters at the April election.The activities of Dawes and Young
are having a greater effect on Europe
today than the work of any Ameri-
can since Woodrow Wilson.The Standard a few weeks ago
stated that Thad Snow of Mississip-
pi County would be a candidate for
the State Senate from this Senatori-
al District. The editor talked over
the phone with Mr. Snow, Friday
evening, and he refused to stand
hitched. He acknowledged to saying
he would run, but now says it is im-
possible. The Standard is sorry of
this, as Thad Snow would make us a
very able Senator.

CHIEF OF POLICE

We are authorized to announce W.
R. Burks for Chief of Police of Sik-
eston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.We are authorized to announce J.
H. Hayden, for Chief of Police, of
Skeston, subject to the will of the
voters at the April election.We are authorized to announce J.
B. Randol for Chief of Police of Sik-
eston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.We are authorized to announce Bill
Carson for Chief of Police of Skeston,
subject to the will of the voters
at the April election.We are authorized to announce
Walter Kendall for Chief of Police of
Skeston, subject to the will of the
voters at the April election.

POLICE JUDGE

We are authorized to announce Jos.
W. Meyers for Police Judge of Sik-
eston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.We are authorized to announce J.
C. Lescher for Police Judge of Sik-
eston, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April election.

CITY COLLECTOR

We are authorized to announce S.
N. Shepherd for City Collector of
Skeston, subject to the will of the
voters at the April election.We are authorized to announce
Clyde Demaris, as candidate for Col-
lector of Revenue of Skeston, subject
to the will of the voters at the April
election.We are authorized to announce F.
E. Chamblis for City Collector of
Skeston, subject to the will of the
voters at the April election.We are authorized to announce T.
A. Wilson as candidate for alderman
for First Ward, subject to the will
of the voters at the April election.We are authorized to announce
Frank Smith for Alderman of the
Second Ward, subject to the will of
the voters at the April election.We are authorized to announce
Judson Boardman for Alderman, for
Third Ward, subject to the will of the
voters at the April election.We are authorized to announce Aul-
ton Cravens as candidate for Alder-
man of the Fourth Ward, subject to
the will of the voters at the April
election.

NEW MADRID COUNTY

We are authorized to announce G.
F. Deane, of Matthews, as a candi-
date for Sheriff of New Madrid Coun-
ty, subject to the will of the Demo-
cratic voters at the August primary.The Republicans of Scott County
will hold a Mass Convention at Ben-
ton Thursday evening, March 27, at
7:30, to select delegates for the Dis-
trict and State officers. It is a fore-
gone conclusion that they will en-
dorse both the Hyde and Coolidge ad-
ministrations and be for Coolidge for
President in 1924.The Standard management wishes
to thank those who so promptly re-
sponded to subscription statements
sent out last week. Other statements
are being mailed and we trust same
will receive prompt attention. It
takes the cash to buy white paper,
pay help and postage, and when the
money is due us, we want it. If
there are those of our readers who
do not care for the paper or who do
not intend to pay for it, let us know
so at once that we can at least save
future cost.The lack of criminal convictions in
the circuit court of Scott County the
last few terms shows the need of
some sort of protection to the public
supposed to be guaranteed by the
laws of the State, that they are not
getting. If it be the fault of the
prosecutor he should resign and let
the Governor appoint another. If it
be that jurymen are growing too
lenient or sympathetic, then our laws
should be amended and do away with
jury trial and let the judge be the
dispenser of justice. Invisibly justice
follows the everlasting dismissal of
criminals and law breakers.A few weeks ago a negro man
named Toliver was arrested in Sik-
eston, charged with being criminally
intimate with his stepdaughter of 15.
He was taken to jail at Benton and
was brought to trial Wednesday of
last week. The jury turned him loose.
Toliver was in bed with the girl when
caught and another negro man was
supposed to have been the third of
the three in bed. The prosecuting at-
torney failed to secure evidence in so
serious a case that was convincing,
or he was outwitted, or the jury
considered such actions by negroes
as being on the same plane as billy
goats or varmints. Anyway, Mr.
Toliver is back here in Skeston at
the service of the public.The matter of placing before the
people the proposition of finishing
our hard surfaced roads at the ear-
liest possible moment will be voted on
at the general election this fall. The
initiative will be invoked to get the
matter legally before the public. Un-
less more revenue is raised, it will
be 1931 before the present road pro-
gram can be finished while under the
new proposal, they can be finished in
three years from now. A slight
boost in the auto license and a gaso-
line tax of 2c per gallon will do the
work. Not one cent of this money
will come out of the people who do
not own an auto and those who will
have to pay the bill will save many
times the increase in the saving of
gasoline and the upkeep of the ma-
chine. The Standard will place be-
fore its readers from time to time
such information as should enable
them to understand the question from
every angle.The Standard takes issue with
Tanner Dye, candidate for alderman
in the Fourth Ward, on his stand for
future submission of the sewer propo-
sition to a vote of the people. Sik-
eston will never have a sewer sys-
tem and will never be a progressive
city if we wait for her to get out of
debt before voting on sewers again.
One would be led to believe that the
bond issue was snowed under when
the facts are, more than 140 majori-
ty was in favor of the proposition,
which was a pretty good indication
that a majority DID want, though
not enough to make the two-thirds
majority required for a bond issue.
The fight on the bonds was accom-
panied by lies, misstatements and
coercion on the part of some prop-
erty owners, that was unworthy of citi-
zens of a growing town, while those
in favor of it failed to make the is-
sue as plain as it should have been
and failed to get into action until the
last two days before the election.
Unless the proposition is put before
the people again before August 1,
1924, they cannot bond the city for
\$100,000 as now proposed, because
the assessed valuation of Skeston
property after August 1 will be ap-
proximately \$2,000,000, while now it
is \$3,000,000. Unless Dye, or any
other candidate, is willing to submit
the proposition to a vote again, they
should be beaten at the polls, as it
will be a death blow to Skeston's
progress for years to come if un-
progressive citizens are put in charge
of our city government. This is not
personal to Tanner Dye or any other
candidate who may be against
submitting the issue, but is said to
show how serious the matter is to
Skeston's future growth.Motor vehicle accident insurance
rates are higher in New York City
than anywhere else in the world.

Sweep Them Out

Never in the history of this coun-
try did such a set of harpies move in
as most of the crew which came into
office with President Harding. Mr.
Harding is dead, peace be to his ash-
es with that respect that must go to
the dead, but had Mr. Harding lived
the responsibility of the appointment
of men unfaithful in most startling
ways, would have been his, and his
humiliation would have been great.There is nothing quite so coarse so
reckless and so vulgar as the story
leading up to the ordering of marines
into the heart of the country to drive
some citizens off a piece of land the
ownership or title being disputed.We thought things had reached a
low pass when an ex-cabinet minister
admitted he had lied under oath to
a senator, officially appointed to
elicit information from him. Then
came McLean, the rich boob, who
needs a guardian for his person, as
he has trustees for his estate, and
admitted that he lied because his
friend, Fall, asked him to lie. If Mc-
Lean were mentally responsible the
infamy of his action would be mark-
ed, but his weakness saves him from
contempt and excites pity rather, be-
cause he did lie for a friend.It is not justifiable to lie even for
a friend. Certain very good men
have lied to save the reputation of a
woman, but so far women have not
been among the cattle at the Wash-
ington feed trough.But supreme over all was the story
in yesterday's paper.Young Roosevelt was acting sec-
retary of the navy. Fall was secre-
tary of the interior. Fall asked
Roosevelt to issue an order to the
marines to clear trespassers off Har-
ry Sinclair's Teapot Dome reserva-
tion. Now, Roosevelt, acting head
of the navy, was as big as Fall. If
he had been like his daddy he would
have told Fall to go to the place
where the devils live. Instead he
executed the order and placed it in
the hands of General Lejune. Gen-
eral Lejune sent for Captain Schuler
and told Schuler that Mr. Fall want-
ed to see him. Schuler went to see
Fall. Fall gave him his orders. Fall
asked him what he might do if an in-
junction was thrown on him. Schuler
said, "I never saw an injunction, and
I would file it". This tickled Fall and
he said to Captain Schuler, "I guess
you will get along all right out
there".Fall told Captain Schuler that he
had taken the matter up with Presi-
dent Harding, but least we err we
quote the captain literally."He (Fall) said he had taken the
matter up with the president that
morning, and that the president did
not want to take this action because
an officer of the company that was
trespassing was a close personal
friend and contributed to the cam-
paign fund."And Mr. Fall told me that he had
told the president that his friend
was a low down—, and Mr. Fall
said that the president told him that
he supposed he was all that when he
sent him his check, and Mr. Fall
said that he told the president, 'Mr.
President, by God, he was'. But he
said the president finally consented,
and that was why the marines were
to go out".So Mr. Harding did not want to be
hard on the trespassers. One of them,
friend and contributed to the cam-
paign fund. The campaign contribu-
tor who wants to be paid back a
thousand per cent.

Just think this matter over.

Roosevelt admitted that he took
General Lejune over and talked to
Fall about the business. When Sena-
tor Walsh asked Roosevelt if he did
not think that a process at law would
do the job, the young man bravely
answered that he was no lawyer. If
young Roosevelt hasn't sense
enough to know, though he is not a
lawyer, that the courts have full
power to remove the trespassers and
to issue writs of ejectment, then he
hasn't sense enough to be assistant
secretary of the navy or assistant
anything else.Fall seemed to have been the mas-
ter mind. He was afraid to run afoul
of the courts. He, therefore, ordered
out the marines and the marines
went and did the job. The marines
do obey orders. That thing has won
for them imperishable glory on bat-
tledfields of two continents and on
decks of ships fighting in all of the
seven seas.Therefore, how important is it to
have at the head of the Navy De-
partment and in the White House
men who know when to issue orders
to the marines, because the marines
do obey. When they are told to
shoot they shoot. A member of the
Gorman imperial staff who came in
contact with some of them on the
bloody day of Chateau Thierry re-
ported to his imperial master and to
Ludendorff as to these marines that
"they have a strange spirit which
may best be summed up in the state-
ment of one who said, 'We do not
care what we are here for. Our busi-

ness is to kill or be killed.

It looks like we need a man with
the marines' spirit in the White
House. What a pity Pershing was
not elected president in 1920, so
long as the combination of fate,
stupidity and ingratitude decreed
that a Republican should succeed
Wilson.Mr. Fall dominated at the White
House. Harding did not want to be
hard on the man who had furnished
slop for Republican voters. But Fall
had his way. Something piratical
about Fall. If he had not lied and
betrayed his oath of office he might
have been regarded as an attractive
old buccaneer.What a crowd did come in with
the Harding administration! What
a decline from such cabinet members
as Jefferson, Gallatin, McCulloch,
Gresham, Garland, Manning, Bayard,
Bonaparte, Glass and Daniels.

What's to be done?

The whole crowd, their heirs and
their beneficiaries must be swept
out of office. The good men in both
parties, if there are enough good
men in both parties to control, must
see to it that their nominees are
clean and have ideals and are brave
enough to stand up for their ideals.It matters more that honest and
patriotic men be in office than the
party badge which they wear.—Mem-
phis Commercial Appeal.Sweep stair carpets with a wet
brush. This prevents the dust rising
and keeps the carpets fresh and
clean looking."I am tired of having you damned
kids stepping on my toes", Senator
Jim Reed is reported to have said to
a ten-year-old messenger boy, last
week, who in a rush with copy step-
ped on the senatorial corns of Daffo-
dil Jim. Ah, they seem to keep up
in Washington what Missouri did "in
conventions assembled" a few days
ago. Well, Jim ought to be used to
being walked on by this time.—Dex-
ter Statesman.Charles Schweer, of Cape Gran-
deau and all Southeast Missouri, is a
candidate for sheriff of Cape County
on the Republican ticket. Charles
Schweer has been the field agent for
the South-east Missouri Agricultural
Bureau for the past three years and
it has been largely due to his efforts
that the material for the exhibit was
secured. If Schweer is the nominee
of his party, and is elected, Cape
County will have one of the cleanest
men for sheriff that she has ever had
and one who will do his duty with-
out fear or favor.Agriculture, as an industry, can't
show much of a net profit yet. But
farming, in many individual cases,
again is on a paying basis. Wheat
still is in a bad way and prospects are
not encouraging. Beef cattle are not
making growers or feeders rich. Hogs
have a chance to show some profit
this year. Sheep, dairy cattle, chick-
ens, corn and some other miscellane-
ous crops, including truck and fruit,
are paying, some exceptionally well.
Once more, as in the last few years,
the farmers who have several sources
of income, those who diversify, are
the ones who show a profit on their
year's endeavor. To a great extent
that always will be true. The law of
averages inevitably will favor the
man who diversifies. And with di-
versification should come reduction
of overhead charges, less high-priced
labor, use of more labor-saving ma-
chines, better upkeep of buildings
and machinery that the maximum use
may be obtained, and the conversion
of bulky materials on the farm into
highly concentrated products on
which transportation charges will be
low.—Capper's Farmer.

CONFINED TO BED

Birmingham Lady Took Cardui
for Relief of Change of Life
Troubles and Says It Helped
Her "So Much."Birmingham, Ala.—"I first took
Cardui for that tired, worn-out feeling
that comes from being dreadfully run-
down," says Mrs. Catherine E. Smith,
of 2106 Stout Street. "Twenty-five
years ago, I was suffering from wom-
anly weakness.I read of Cardui in an almanac, and
thought I would try it. I got a bottle
and it helped me from the first. After
that, during the whole of my married
life, I took Cardui when I needed it.
"About four years ago, change of
life came on me. . . I grew weaker
and weaker, and was confined to my
bed, where I lay on my back for days.
I was told that only a severe operation
could do me any good, and this de-
pressed me very much, for I dreaded
such an ordeal."I remembered how Cardui had
helped me for female trouble in the
past and I had read of how it had
helped other women during change of
life, so one night I told my husband
to go to the drug store and get me a
bottle. I began taking it at once.
From the first dose I could feel myself
getting stronger. . . I continued to
take Cardui until I was entirely
through this very trying period of a
woman's life."
Cardui at all dealers'. NC-158Iceland has factories for the prepa-
ration of herring flour, which is
highly prized in Norway as a
strength food.Prunes will soon be dried by elec-
tricity instead of by the present sun-
drying process, according to a Cali-
fornia agricultural expert.Every Mother Wants
to Know ThisEVERY mother wants to know how she
can keep her children's dainty little
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derful finish for your walls and
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room into a smiling, bright room.
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ceptionally interesting.

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INSURANCE BONUS BILL OPPOSED BY COOLIDGE

Washington, March 21.—President Coolidge is as much opposed to the compromise bonus bill, embodying the paid-up insurance plan, as passed by the House, as he was to the original proposal. This was the blunt statement authorized in a general way at the White House in explanation of the President's position on legislation which he had recommended or disapproved in his messages and other public utterances.

In explanation of the President's position on the House tax bill, now before the Senate Finance Committee, and the bonus bill, awaiting consideration of that committee, a White House spokesman said that the President did not desire to indicate what his position would be on legislation submitted to him. It was asserted, however, that it was fair to assume that the President's attitude on such questions was the same as he had expressed in public utterances.

Those who heard the President's position explained said that there was no question that the President has not altered on the bonus bill, and they inferred that he would veto a bonus bill no matter in what form it came to him, since he said that he was opposed to bonus, because it had no justification for able-bodied men and would make tax reduction impossible.

Grand Jury Probes a Meeting

Poplar Bluff, Mo., March 22.—A special grand jury has been called by Judge Walker of Stoddard County to investigate a mass meeting attended by about two hundred and fifty persons several days ago. At that time it was decided not to permit negro farm laborers to be employed by the farmers of the Peoria district. Four farmers who previously had employed negroes, were present and agreed to send the negroes away to prevent trouble. It is said that unless the farmers are permitted to employ negroes many acres of land will remain uncultivated this year.

Uncle Joe in the Ring

I wish to announce to the voters of Sikeston that I am again able to be on duty, after a two-weeks' siege of flu, and will get around to see as many voters as possible. The records at headquarters show that I have made more arrests than any officer on the force and I feel that my experience is worth something in the office that I am a candidate for. I have nothing but good words for my opponents and will leave it to you whether you will elect me to succeed myself or put a new man on the job. I shall appreciate your vote next Tuesday.—J. B. RANDOL.

Burks Withdraws From Race

W. R. Burks, who has been ill in bed for the past two weeks, on advice of his physician, is withdrawing from the race for Chief of Police. Realizing that the time is close for further campaigning and the time lost has put a handicap on him, he believes to withdraw will save worry and give him an opportunity to recover all the sooner. He wishes to thank his friends who have backed him in the race, but believes he is doing the right thing to retire at this time.

Edgar White spent Sunday in Cairo. George Lough was a Sunday visitor at Charleston.

Miss Justine Miller was the weekend guest of her aunt, Mrs. O. L. Hunter at Morley.

All members of the Eastern Star and their husbands or a friend, and Masons and their wives or a friend, are invited to "A Day and a Night" Thursday evening, March 27 at 8:15 at the Odd Fellows' Hall. A silver offering will be taken at the door. Given by the Eastern Stars.

NEWSPAPER IS BEST MEDIUM FOR BANK 'AD'

Chicago, Ill., March 22.—Sam P. Judd, publicity manager of the Mercantile Trust Company of St. Louis, in an address Wednesday before the Regional Conference of the American Bankers' Association, advised an expenditure of one-half of the total yearly appropriation for advertising purposes in the daily papers. The text of his address follows:

"If your bank is in the business district of a city that has one or more good newspapers, newspapers that are well run and will not accept questionable advertising, if those newspapers have a representative circulation and your bank offers a diversified service—particularly savings service—then you must advertise in those newspapers.

"You must advertise in them because they are your best economical method of reaching your prospects, and off-hand, without knowledge of your particular case, I say you should spend about one-half of your total yearly appropriation in the daily papers."

Welch-Williams

Madford Welch of this city and Miss Mary Williams, of Charleston, were united in marriage Friday afternoon, March 21, at the residence of Rev. Jenkins, of Charleston. The wedding was a quiet affair, members of both families being present. Miss Williams is one of Charleston's most accomplished young ladies, and was employed in Buckner-Ragsdale Store Co., of that city. Mr. Welch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Welch of Sikeston and is connected with the Standard Oil Company at Springfield, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Welch left Monday afternoon for Springfield to make their home. Their many friends, both in Charleston and Sikeston, extend congratulations.

Mrs. John Fisher entertained quite a number of friends at her home on Friday. The afternoon was spent playing bridge, after which a delightful luncheon was served.

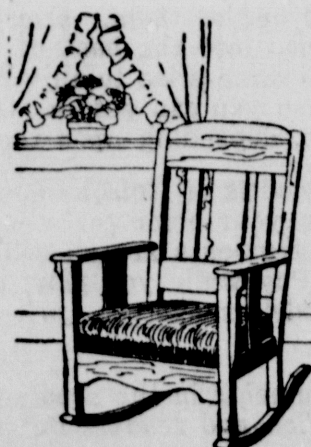
Missouri Pacific engineers were surveying for the placing of a switch for Young's Lumber Yard, Monday morning. It will parallel the main track at the east end of Malone Ave. MULE STRAYED—Mouse colored mare mule about 8 yrs. old, 15 hands high, slightly lame in right hind leg with blister on ankle. Strayed from my farm at Dogwood, 6 miles south of Bertrand. Liberal reward for information leading to recovery.—B. C. Duke, Bertrand, Mo. 3tpd.

Sikeston is the big light in the eyes of cotton compress men thruout the territory to Memphis. Last week parties from Blytheville, Ark., were here and the week before parties from Hayti were looking over the field. These outside people want the majority of the stock and those interested here in this community wish to retain the controlling interest. It is a dead certainty that a compress will be built in Sikeston this season and it is necessary to have cotton raisers interested to make it a paying success. The compress at Blytheville paid a dividend in 1923 of 15 per cent and stood for a \$20,000 fire. The year before 48 per cent dividend was paid. A compress brings to any city cotton buyers and their families, who are high-type people, good salaries and good spenders. Some concerted action will be taken shortly that will insure the erection of a compress for this season's business.

"COLD IN THE HEAD"

Is an acute attack of Nasal Catarrh. Those subject to frequent "colds in the head" will find that the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will build up the system and render them less liable to colds. Repeated attacks of Acute Catarrh may lead to Chronic Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system, thus reducing the inflammation and assisting Nature in restoring normal conditions. All Druggists. Circulars free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

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Decode Laws of 1400 B. C.

Philadelphia, March 21.—A confirmation of the belief of some scholars that the ancient Hittites were Indo-European and blood cousins to the Teutons, the Celts, and ancestors of the Greeks and Latins, is made in the translation of some two hundred of their laws, dating from the fourteenth century B. C., by Dr. George A. Barton, professor of Semitics at the University of Pennsylvania and of New Testament language and literature at the Philadelphia Divinity school.

In the work of translation Dr. Barton was required to employ German, French, Latin, Greek, Semitic and Celtic philology, since the scientific world possesses only a rudimentary Hittite vocabulary. The translations will be included in a forthcoming volume on "Archaeology and the Bible" which he is preparing.

"It is only in the last fifty years that Semitic scholars have come to realize the vast extent to which the Hittite empire attained in the second millennium, B. C., Dr. Barton said yesterday. "It is only recently in fact that we have known that the Hittites were a serious rival to the Egyptian, Assyrian and Babylonian empires."

The Hittite empire has its seat at Boghaz-Keui, near modern Armenia in the fourteenth century B. C. It was there that Winckler some years ago uncovered what was once the Hittite royal library and several hundreds of their clay tablets. Most of those tablets are now in Constantinople. Their understanding, however, for a long time was "a closed book" to archaeologists because the Assyrian cuneiform was used to write their language which only lately has been discovered to be Aryan. The Assyrian was Semitic.

"Hronzy, a Bohemian scholar, has done most of the work in translating the Hittite remains," Dr. Barton said today, "but much of it was unsatisfactory. However, he worked out a tentative grammar and the beginnings of a vocabulary. The vocabulary showed a mixture of Indo-European and Mongolian roots.

"There was a remarkable resemblance in many of the words to ordinary words we have in English. Many of them seemed to have a common ancestry. The Hittite word for 'give'

is pai, which is the same as our 'pay.' The word for take is 'do' which corresponds to the Greek 'didomi' and the Latin 'do' for 'give'.

"The verb 'asmi' which we know as to be is almost exactly the same as the Sanscrit, which is, of course, Indo-European.

"The Hittite for 'moisture' is 'wad-ar' which is readily seen to bear a close relation to water."

Dr. Barton said the Hittite laws in no way affected or were affected by the Hebrew legislation. "Among them, however, are some that bear a striking resemblance.

"Several of the laws specify penalties for stealing bees. The code is evidently a revision of an earlier one and in almost every case the penalty is lighter, thus indicating a continually enlightened civilization. The penalty for stealing a hive of bees in the older code, it says, was that the bees should sting the thief to death. But the revised code specified the payment of a fine. For offenses punishable by a fine of 12 shekels under the older code, the No. 2 code specified a fine of 6 shekels.

FOR SALE—Furniture. Must sell this week.—Mrs. F. H. Cole, 625 Prosperity St. It.

A letter received from Bill Modglin states that he and Shadburn Old are roommates in Los Angeles and are members of the Encino Country Club. The two boys gave a party at the County Club for their friends to which quite a few former Sikestonians were invited. He also spoke of Beechy Walpole and said he was prosperous and healthy.

The Russell-Bradley Missionary Society served a very successful pancake and waffle breakfast and supper Saturday at Dudley's Place. They wish to thank the following donors: H. & H. Grocery for fruit salad, Farris-Jones for oranges and bananas, McKnight-Keaton for sirup, Woodburns Creamery for Poplar Bluff butter, Purity Meat Market, bacon; Marvin McMullen, Pillsbury pancake flour and milk, and the Union Electric Light and Power Co., electricity. The Society is very grateful for the hearty co-operation of Hollingsworth Dudley, Jack Shubert, C. L. Blanton, Sr., Dempster Furniture Co., Peek's Variety Store and Hardwick's Economy Center.

Missouri Crops, March, 1924.

The Missouri 1923 corn crop was 79 per cent merchantable against 85 per cent for 1922, and 38 per cent remains on farms against 34 per cent last year, with 9 per cent shipped out of county both years according to E. A. Logan and Jewell Mayes of U. S. Department of Agriculture and State Board of Agriculture.

Wheat supplies on farms are 18 per cent against 14 per cent last year, oats 30 per cent and 20 per cent, barley 42 per cent and 18 per cent, hay 35 per cent and 33 per cent, potatoes 32 and 17 per cent. Wheat shipments out of county 62 per cent and 63 per cent, oat 11 per cent and 10 per cent, barley 3 per cent and 2 per cent, hay 13 per cent both years, apples 27 per cent and 25 per cent, potatoes 11 per cent and 5 per cent.

Cas rents \$4 per acre for farms both years, value per acre \$71 and \$80. Cas rent for plow land \$5.80 per acre both years, value \$85 and \$80; pasture rent \$3 and \$3.25, value \$60 both years.

Raw lands average \$30 per acre against \$25 last year, poor plow lands \$45 both years, good plow lands \$85 both years, average all plow lands \$66 both years. Farm land with improvements \$74 against \$79, without improvements \$60 both years, all farm lands \$65 and \$70.

Wheat condition 75 per cent against 82 per cent, soil 86 per cent and 92 per cent, fruit buds 74 per cent and 90 per cent.

Farm wages opening 1924, \$31 per month with board, \$32 last year; without board \$41 and \$42; per day with board \$1.55 and \$1.60; without board \$2 and \$2.10. The supply of farm labor is 93 per cent of demand.

L. C. Dorey has returned from a business trip to St. Louis.

Cotton Seed

Pedigreed Wannamaker-Cleveland
Gin Run Wannamaker-Cleveland
High germination. Write for prices.

E. P. Coleman & Co.
Sikeston Mo.

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

S. M. Scotts and wife to J. N. Nyden: Lot 1 Stout's 3rd addition to Parma. \$900.

W. T. Wren to W. A. Neely: Lots 7 and 8, block 5 L. A. Lewis 2nd addition, Lilbourn, \$225.

A. L. Phillips and wife to A. R. Smith: Lot 23 blk. 7 Hunter-Phillips-Tanner & McCoy addition to New Madrid. \$100.

Howard and George Steele: A. A. Gull and wife, one-half acre near Catron public school house, Satron, \$125.

D.B. Kevil to Clarence L. Hobbs: 316 acres section 35-23-12. \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

Gilbert and wife to A. E. Moseley: Lot 9, blk. 11 and all lot 2 and part lot 1 blk. 33 Morehouse. \$150.

Richard Stine and wife to L. E. Cravens: Lots 45 and 48 Range E. Lilbourn. \$1.00 and other valuable consideration.

Chas. Herman and wife to G. B. Donaldson: Lot 14, blk. 8 L. A. Lewis 3rd addition, Lilbourn. \$60.

Bergdell Income Tax Paid

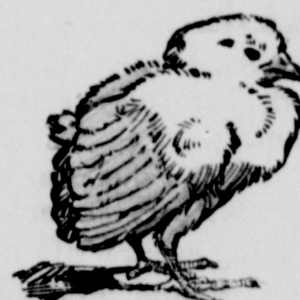
Washington, March 21.—What was described as a "considerable sum" collected in income tax upon the seized estate of Grover Cleveland Bergdell, draft evader, was included in checks aggregating \$9,708,633.78 which were forwarded to the Collector of Internal Revenue for Maryland and the District of Columbia today by Commissioner Blair of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

The checks were transmitted for the account of the alien property custodian and represent income taxes for past years due from a number of enemy alien estates seized during the war. The largest amount paid upon an individual estate so held was \$3,000,000 and the smallest 45 cents.

Mrs. Jesse Kimes and daughter, Miss Mildred, have returned from St. Louis.

Canon Hay Aitkin, aged vicar of Norwich Cathedral, in London, has delivered 22,000 sermons. He began preaching at the age of 17 and is now 83. John Wesley preached 27,000 sermons.

Campfire girls of New York have been requested to popularize old-time American folk songs such as "Old Black Joe", "Swanee River", "Old Kentucky Home" and such old English and Scottish ballads as "Auld Lang Syne" and "Comin' Thro' the Rye." Few girls in camp last summer knew the words of these songs.



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CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Mrs. I. H. Dunaway's class of the Methodist Church has started a parsonage fund, which we hope a number of the classes will add to from time to time. A parsonage is needed and we hope it will not be long before we can build one.

Miss Margaret Grant spent the week-end with homefolks at Cape Girardeau. Miss Grant is one of our high school faculty.

Mrs. Dunahoo, mother of Mrs. H. W. Doss is here visiting her daughter this week and attending the revival meeting.

Walter Mocabee has purchased a new Ford Sedan from the Stubbs agency at Sikeston. Ruby Jackson sold the car.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were here visiting Rev. Doss and family on Sunday. Mr. Dunn is government inspector and has had his quarters at Louisville, Ky., but is making a change and moving his family to Evansville, Ind.

One of the best received numbers of our lyceum course was given at the gymnasium on Wednesday, by the Gerhart Duo. Our next number comes to us on April 27th. This will be the last number of the season and we expect it to be the best.

Manuel Taylor expects to move his family to his property, which he bought from Mr. Blackwell just as soon as he can get possession.

Miss Zella Rose of St. Louis arrived Sunday afternoon to help take care of the sick baby of her sister, Mrs. Wilson.

Miss Radia Chapman spent the week-end at home with homefolks. Miss Chapman is attending the Cape Normal.

E. L. Griffin, Harry McFarling and family, E. O. Fisher and family and L. I. Gray and family motored to Cairo Sunday to spend the day.

Miss Loda Walls has been visiting the family of Perry S. Chapman this past week.

Miss Irene Logston has purchased a Ford touring car of the Stubbs Motor Company of Sikeston.

The revival meeting which has been going on at the M. E. Church for the past two weeks, was closed Sunday night. Rev. C. E. Hollified of Marmaduke, Ark., has been the pastor. On Sunday morning they had infant baptism. The infant son of Rev. Doss and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crumpecker were baptised. In the evening, baptism services were held for the others that became members during the meeting.

Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of Laura M. Guess, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of February, 1924, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

W. B. GUESS
Administrator.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (Seal) Probate Court of Scott County

THOS. B. DUDLEY,
Probate Judge.

Mrs. Frank Lair, Jr., spent Saturday in Sikeston.

Miss Mattie Caldwell spent the week-end with homefolks at Charleston.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Latham, Sunday morning, March 23.

Leslie Pate and sister, Mrs. Nelson, spent the week-end with homefolks at Charleston.

Editor S. P. Loebe, of The Charleston Times, was a visitor at The Standard office, Monday.

WEDNESDAY

An Exceptional Sale of
Pure Linen Toweling

12½c yd.

Limit ten yards to a customer

HARDWICK'S
ECONOMY CENTER

Alvin Taylor is spending a few days in St. Louis on business.

Mrs. G. L. Layton, who has been on the sick list is much improved.

Mrs. Scott Alexander of Charleston spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Matthews and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Malone and son, Paul, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mocabee, of Morehouse, Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Mocabee and Mrs. Louis Erdmann attended the Eastern Star school of instructions at Bloomfield, Saturday.

Mrs. Louis Dyer died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Terry at 303 S. Handy, following an illness of paralysis. Funeral service were held at 4:00 p. m. Monday, interment in the City cemetery.

The house on Kendall street, occupied by a Mr. Jackson, was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The fire engine being out of commission was unable to answer the call. The hose were taken but the flames had spread too rapidly to save the building.

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The same sacked in ton lots 100.00 per cwt.

If you have not sufficient planting seed, write us.
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AWNINGS

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Made, delivered and put up.

Canvas for all purposes.

Representative will be here Wednesday at Hotel Marshall.

Call or write.

Acme Awning Mfg. Co.
West Frankfort, Ill.

Mrs. Moore Greer and Miss Pauline Moore spent Saturday in Cairo, shopping.

George W. Taylor, of Kansas City, Mo., was a Sunday guest at the home of J. B. Randol.

C. J. Fitz of Cape Girardeau spent Monday in Sikeston in interest of the baseball team.

W. B. Guess and little daughter are spending a few days at Havana, Mo., with relatives.

Mrs. Rannoy Applegate and little daughter and Mrs. Ruth Matthews are spending a few days in St. Louis.

Mrs. J. O. Bebout and daughter of Bertrand were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Bebout's mother, Mrs. G. L. Layton.

Miss Kate Mocabee, who is teaching school at Canalou, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Earl Malone, last Wednesday.

FOR SALE—Home with four large rooms with electric lights. 80 ft. lot. 405 Williams St., Sikeston, Mo. Price \$2000. Terms to suit.

Miss Bonnie Keith who is attending school at Cape Girardeau, spent the week-end in Sikeston with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, Miss Josephine Robinson and John Young attended the banquet of the Lumbermen's Association at Cape Girardeau Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Rodgers and son, Billie, Mrs. English and Steve Rodgers of Benton and Mr. and Mrs. Randol Wilson and children were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tanner, Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Stovall, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Moffit Latimer and Rev. Smith of Charleston attended the services of the Presbyterian Church at the Odd Fellows Hall here, Sunday.

On next Sunday afternoon, March 30, at 2:30, at Dudley's Place, the Baseball Club will hold a meeting for the purpose of organizing a South-east Missouri baseball team. There will be delegates from Sikeston, Cape Girardeau, Dexter, Campbell, New Madrid, Bloomfield, Charleston, Malden and Caruthersville.

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SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ROAD CONTRACTS LET

Bids were opened in Jefferson City, March 21, for three stretches of road in Southeast Missouri as follows:

Route 51, section 26, the road from route 25 at Advance in Stoddard County north to Marble Hill and Lutesville in Bollinger County to route 9, the primary road at Patton in the north portion of Bollinger County. Section 26 is 1.7 miles long, the contract including grading, culverts and 16' gravel surface. The bids were as follows:

E. P. O'Reilly & Co., St. Louis, bid \$22,289.58; J. L. Richmond, Advance, bid \$19,158.63; F. D. Harvey & Co., Memphis, Tenn., bid \$25,948.49.

Route 55, section 5, Scott County, route 55 is the road from Benton southeast through Scott and Mississippi counties to Charleston. Section 5 is 3.8 miles long, the contract including grading, culverts and 16' gravel surface. The bids on this contract are as follows:

Reynolds, Blocker & Crews, Caruthersville, bid \$36,610.23; F. D. Harvey & Co., Memphis, Tenn., bid \$34,706.33; Energy Coal & Supply Co., Poplar Bluff, bid \$34,202.66 and A. M. Morrow, Charleston, bid \$41,413.68.

Project 211-B, Stoddard County. This project is a section of route 25, the north and south road through Stoddard County and extends from Bernie south 3.3 miles to the Dunklin county line. The contract includes grading, culverts, 16' gravel surface and a small section of 40' concrete pavements in Bernie, the extra cost of the concrete pavement being paid by the citizens of Bernie. The bids received were as follows:

A. V. Willis & Sons, St. Louis, bid \$49,320.66; Kochitzky & Mewharter, Cape Girardeau, bid \$45,446.63; Dexter Construction Co., Dexter, bid \$42,904.38; Novaculite Construction Co., Marion, Ill., bid \$56,185.85; F. D. Harvey & Co., Memphis, Tenn., bid \$57,591.96.

Public Sale

The Missouri Pacific Railroad will sell at public auction at their freight house in Sikeston, April 5, 1924, 1 box containing 2400 packages of garden seed, to cover outstanding charges. w2.

Of every thousand boys and girls entering high school, five hundred sixty-one leave before the end of the fourth year.

The Wall Street Journal tells of a new method of loading grain into ships. The air-voyor, it says, is a pipe line system which conveys grain from an elevator to a vessel at the water front without the use of the familiar belt. It is operated by a hurricane of wind forced thru a pipe by giant fans and will load 4000 bushels an hour.

Lime is necessary, yet the most common deficiency in the American diet, according to nutrition experts. It develops firm bones, hard teeth, makes the blood coagulate and maintains an equilibrium with other inorganic substances in the human system. Milk and milk products, except butter; eggs, whole grains, cane or sorghum molasses, nuts, green vegetables, and certain fruits with prunes, oranges and raspberries heading the list, supply lime, and farm and city tables alike should provide these foods in abundance.

Little Emma Jean Clodfelter is confined to her bed with the measles. EGGS.—Barred Rocks, 15 eggs, 50c. No better laying strain.—P. H. Gross 402 Gladys Street. 3 w. p.

The friends of Mrs. Ernest Tongate will be sorry to learn that her condition remains unchanged.

We are glad to learn that Jake Sitze, who has been on the sick list for some time, is still improving.

Production of oil in the United States last year broke all records, totaling around 735 million barrels, an increase of 30 per cent over 1922. Consumption also increased 20 per cent, totaling nearly 711 million barrels.

Great meat producing countries also are great meat consuming countries. Inhabitants of Argentina lead the world in eating meat. Australians and New Zealanders rank second and third and Americans are in fourth place.

Fort Oralo, where the British Army surgeon, R. Schukbury, wrote "Yankee oDoodle" to poke fun at the American colonists, the old historical fort at Rensselaer, New York, may be preserved as a Revolutionary relic. It was built in 1642.

The largest paper making machine ever built in the United States has just been installed in a mill at Ogdensburg, N. Y., to be used in the manufacture of newspaper paper. The machine weighs 1000 tons and 45 cars were required to transport it.

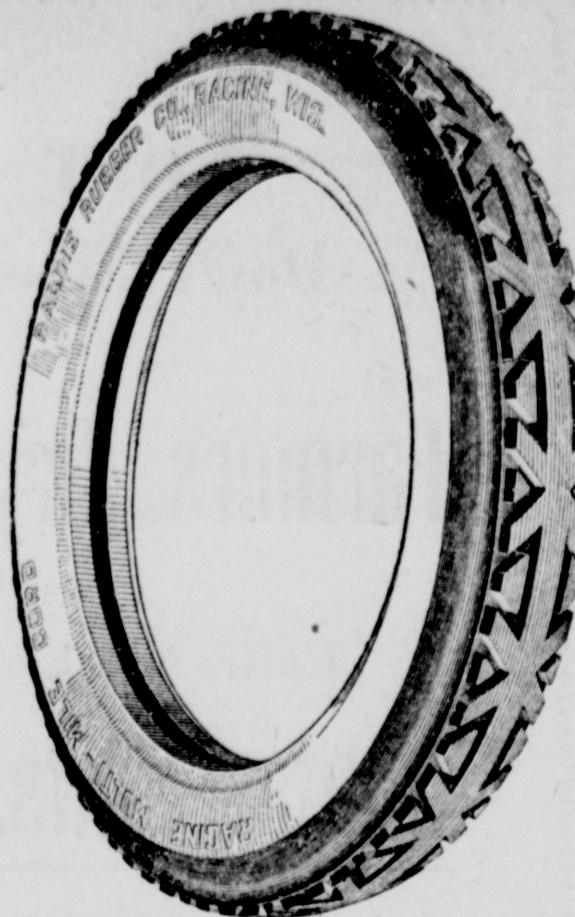
"Cooties" brought over by the Hessian soldiers hired to fight against George Washington in the Revolutionary War, still are with us and annually cause American farmers' losses amounting to more than the cost of that conflict. These "cooties" in modern times, are known as Hessian flies.

The British Ambassador at Washington has a salary just over \$12,000, but in addition he has a completely appointed embassy at his disposal and an allowance of more than \$85,000, thus totaling \$97,350. The American Ambassador at London has a salary of \$17,500, and in addition he must pay for the upkeep of the embassy from his private pocket.

The largest known pecan tree in the world is in San Saba county, Texas. It is 122 feet high, and 22 feet in circumference a foot above the ground. The height to the first limb is 41 feet. The tree has borne in one season, 1401 pounds of pecans. A native pecan tree growing on the E. E. Risien property at San Saba, produces nuts containing 71 per cent meat.

More than 50 billion manufactured cigarettes were smoked in the United States in 1923. This is 7 billion more than were consumed in 1922. The increasing use of cigarettes by women is held responsible for the additional billions smoked last year. Per capita consumption of tobacco has increased 22 per cent in the last two years. Nine billion cigars were made in 1923.

Grove's
Tasteless
Chill Tonic
For Pale, Delicate Women
and Children.



A pear tree brought from England by Governor John Endicott, of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, in 1630, is said to be still bearing fruit on the spot it was planted at Danversport, Mass.

The latest machine perfected for the baking trade takes the flour at one end, sifts it, mixes and kneads the dough, and puts it into pans which pass thru an oven. The finished loaf emerges at the other end of the machine. No human hand touches the bread during the process.

In February the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers had control of six thriving banks in Cleveland, Hammon, Birmingham and New York. Other brotherhoods were operating five other banks. The engineers' brotherhood members own extensive coal mining interests, a large investment corporation, a chain of stores in a large city and a milk distributing business.

Sixty-three Grimes Golden apple trees belonging to J. D. Taggard of Waitsburg, Ore., have set what is claimed to be a world's record in production. The trees, planted 27 years ago, averaged 51 boxes of loose apples or 39 boxes of packed apples. One tree produced 70 boxes. Under Federal inspection 75 per cent of the yield went extra fancy, 13 per cent fancy and 12 per cent "C" grade.

All records were broken last year in corporate financing, bonds, notes and stock issued, totaling more than 3 1-2 billion dollars as against 3 1-3 billion dollars in 1920, the previous high mark. In addition to obligations of corporations issued, the Government issued and sold many millions of dollars worth of Treasury certificates and Savings Stamps. Hundreds of millions of dollars worth of bonds also were issued by cities, counties and states.

The cash you hand over to the treasurer of your county or to the Federal revenue collector does not represent all the taxes you pay. An Eastern paper has figured out that a boy whose living expenses are \$8 a week pays \$1 of that amount as taxes. The man who pays out \$24 a week is paying \$3 in taxes and so on down the line. This amount is paid even if the man does not own \$1 worth of taxable property. The taxes represent additions to the cost of living that cannot be passed along to someone else.

Mrs. C. D. Matthews and daughter, Miss Virginia, returned home from St. Louis, Monday morning.

Harry Rose of McGee, Ark., was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rose.

FOR SALE—New 5-room house, electric light, small cash payment. See A. A. Harrison or A. C. Barrett, Bank of Sikeston.

FOR SALE—Maple shade trees, 8 ft. high, 75c each, also have all kinds of fruit trees and shrubbery for sale. Call Linn Galeener, 187.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A Ford coupe in first class condition. 1922 model. Would trade for lot in Sikeston. 334 Gladys St. 2tpd.

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Seventy-five New Edison records were received this morning, among them being all the latest popular music, several selections in sacred music, and—well, come in and hear them all. See which ones you like best. Folks are always welcome in our store whether in the buying notion or not. Come in and make yourself at home.

Ted Lewis and his band are in a class by themselves when they play "12 o'clock at Night", "Dream Daddy", "Mr. Radio Man", and others. We have all these numbers on the Columbia records, which can be played on any needle machine. If you have a Pathe, Brunswick, Victor, or any other needle machine, give us a call when in need of a new record.

Repair work done on all machines with guaranteed satisfaction. A reasonable charge is made for our services. Bring your phonograph troubles to us.

Over a hundred copies of the latest sheet music came in this morning and is now ready for sale. No doubt that this first shipment will go in a hurry. Better make your selections now before the stock is picked over. We will have new numbers in every week, so all you piano players better get in practice.

Gulbransen player-pianos are so easy to play. Any child can easily operate one of them. Every Gulbransen has its own price burned into the back of it, a nationally-priced instrument, the same price to all. Why pay more for a player piano when you can get a GULBRANSEN for \$420.00 or \$495.00, depending upon the model.

We have all the models of Edisons now in stock and will gladly place one in your home for a couple of days on approval. These instruments are all sold on business-like terms of credit. Pay while you play, play while you pay. Ask about it. Models range in price from \$100.00 to \$295.00.

Several used instruments in the needle type of phonograph are in good condition and ready for sale at attractive prices.

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Don't let that cough run on

It's much easier to check it now than after serious complications develop. Nothing like Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey to stop coughing quickly. Just those medicines that up-to-date doctors prescribe for loosening heavy phlegm and soothing throat tissues are in it—combined with the old reliable remedy—pine-tar honey. Keep it on hand for all the family.

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GERMAN FLEET MAY RISE FROM DEPTHS OF OCEAN

The German fleet is to be raised. The admiralty has entered into a contract for its salvage with a London firm. Since the memorable June 21, 1919, with one or two exceptions, the sunken ships have lain as they sunk, a menace to shipping and a worry to harassed lighthouse service in maintaining numerous buoys and beacons.

For though the name of Scapa Flow only attained a world-wide significance in the war, its waters have been well known and much frequented by mariners in all ages.

Less than an hour after the first ship sunk on a midsummer's day five years ago, a rumor reached me that there were strange happenings in the Flow. As the naval authorities at that time were in possession of all the telephone systems in the country, I decided to test the involability of naval secrecy. So to naval headquarters in Kirkwall I went, says a correspondent in the Manchester Guardian. "I know," I said to the officer in charge, "that you can't tell me anything, but is it worth my while to take a run eight miles out on the road?"

"Well worth your while". Thus it was that I witnessed one of the most dramatic incidents of the war.

I saw battleships, battle cruisers and cruisers almost imperceptibly sink until their decks reached the level of the sea, then wallow and flounder on their sides, and simply disappear. One moment a dull gray side like some huge whale, the next nothing to mark the spot but a patch of water boiling like a cauldron.

I witnessed the frantic efforts to beach the great Hidenburg. But our naval men were too late. She settled

down in the mud close to the little Island of Cava, and there she still lies, huge masts and funnels rearing themselves from the water into space. The cruiser Bremse was beached near the air station at Swanbister. But she had lost all stability. With her bow hard on the ground she lurched drunkenly for a minute or two, then broke her back, and fell on her side. The Derflinger and Seidlitz sank at their moorings. At low tide parts of their hulls are exposed, danger spots, on which numerous fishing trawlers have stranded and been held fast until released by the rising tide.

Further to the south the destroyers lie, opposite the now derelict naval harbor works at Lyness on the Island of Hoy. Their masts jut from the water at irregular intervals like some broken down fence.

The navy's salvage efforts were not entirely fruitless. Some ships, both great and small, were saved, and were taken south for disposal soon after Von Reuter's great coup.

The salvage operations now about to commence are the first to be attempted on any large scale. A destroyer was purchased over a year ago by a small company in Stromness, raised, and brought into harbor for breaking up. It is believed the speculation has proved very remunerative. Strange uses have been found for portions of this engine of war. Boiler tubes have been polished and sold literally by the thousand for such household purposes as easement curtain rods.

Last year a company purchased some of the destroyers. Operations went on for some months last summer, and it was understood that in the event of these proving successful the company had an option of the remainder of the fleet. A certain amount of material was brought ashore, but no ship was raised. When the salvage ship proceeded to its home port last fall it was stated operations would be recommenced in the spring, but it is not known how this company is affected by the contract now entered into between the admiralty and the London firm.

It is evident the operations shortly to commence are to be on a really big scale. We in Orkney have little knowledge of the methods of salvors, but to the unskilled the operation of raising the smaller ships, and even the Hidenburg squatting on the mud, does not seem by any means insuperable. The scuttling was effected by opening the sea cocks. If these can be closed and the hatchways sealed, then does not the problem simply resolve itself into one of pumping till we see the German fleet resurrected? In the last year or so the East Coast Salvage Company has carried out two similar operations in the Orkneys.

As a means to rendering safe the Grand Fleet anchorage, a number of merchant ships were sunk in certain of the channels by exploding charges of gun cotton.

The admiralty said these ships, with their badly gashed hulls, could not be raised. But they were forced by public opinion to make the attempt. The East Coast Salvage Company was entrusted with the task of raising two ships in Holm Sound. The operation was difficult and costly, but the ships were removed, and the local fishermen are once more able to prosecute their calling.

Local option is that the raising of the German fleet is largely one of cost and of appliances. If the vessels can be raised, the subsequent expenses ought to be moderate. At the naval harbor at Lyness there is practically unlimited space with wharfage accommodation for steamers of some size at all states of the tide. The hope is that Lyness—the mushroom city of the war, now bleak, desolate, and derelict beneath the mountains of Hoy—may yet in some measure justify the country's treasure lavished upon it.—Kansas City Star.

BRYAN SAYS NEXT PRESIDENT MUST BE DRY PROGRESSIVE

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—William Jennings Bryan, speaking at a rally of Democrats who had met to honor their former townsman on his sixty-fourth birthday, last night derided "special interests" in the national Government and urged the Democratic party as "the only one to put the country back in its previous position."

When the commoner was introduced, a man in the audience produced a banner bearing the words "W. J. Bryan for President". Bryan declared that "it is hard for some to realize that it is exceedingly difficult to break a habit" and reiterated that he was not a candidate for the presidency.

The speaker asserted that "big interests" had prevented the farmers from receiving consideration. This, he declared, was driving farmers to the city "at the rate of a million a year."

Alliance of Democrats and progressive Republicans received the sanction of the veteran campaigner when he declared the Democrats had enough votes to initiate measures and the progressive Republicans hold enough force to put them over.

The farmers of the country, Bryan declared, are in the "worst condition since I have been in politics."

"In the old hard times we sold at low prices, but we were buying at low prices. Now we sell at low prices, but have to buy at high prices, and yet they object to a farmer on the Federal Reserve Board."

Concluding, Bryan said that the next President "must be progressive and he must be dry."

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MISSOURI WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Campbell—Construction started on new hard-surfaced bridge on state highway.

St. Louis—Elder garment plant of Webb City to be transferred to Elder Manufacturing Company of this city.

New Florence—Holmes & Company of Troy given contract for building rock road to Davault school at cost of \$29,000.

West Ely—Six farmers in this vicinity organize limestone company to manufacture fertilizer.

State highway commission lets contract for 136 bridges in 1923, constructed as part of Missouri road system at total cost of \$3,934,453.

Slater—New Baptist church to be built.

St. Joseph—\$600,000 to be spent for repairs to plant of St. Joseph Water Company.

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A Pipe Dream

What a wonderful thing it would be for the taxpayers if an honest-to-goodness business investigation, free from the hampering strings of politics, could be carried on in every department of the government. It is probable that such an investigation, if the investigators had the power to hire and fire as occasion demanded, would result in annual savings to the taxpayers far in excess of any savings that may be hoped for as a result of investigating private business which is subject to private competition and which must sink or swim on efficiency in management.

Strikes and lockouts in United States during 1923 cost American public, including employees and employers, \$703,839,575 and consumed 20,551,140 working days. During the eight years from 1916 to 1923, inclusive, entire loss was \$12,522,203,356, consuming 424,329,088 full working days.

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To the Mother of the Large Family

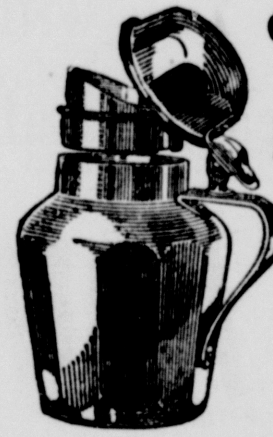
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Perhaps our readers have taken notice of a series of advertisements for the Corn Products Refining Company in behalf of their new product, Limit, which they claim is a very superior sort of starch, highly recommended to housewives and all users of starch. No doubt we have several dealers in the city who handle this product and this is a most excellent opportunity for them to link up their local advertising with that of the manufacturers, whereby they will get the benefit of both.

On Friday of this week we will publish a coupon advertisement which will entitle all readers of the paper to secure two packages of this valuable starch for the price of one. Every dealer in Sikeston should by or before that time announce himself as such and endeavor to secure the privilege of making the sale and distributing the free package. Likewise every reader of The Standard should not fail to watch for this coupon and take advantage of the offer, for it is only through the use of this printed coupon that one may obtain the free package.

Unless the Sikeston dealer lets the people know he handles this product, the reader will not know to whom to apply for his package, therefore, it is essential that the announcement be made by some one or as many as are handling Limit. We do not believe our wide-awake grocers are going to overlook this opportunity.

Along with this campaign is another in behalf of Karo Syrup, which is a product of the same company. The wise merchant who handles this article can well afford to avail himself of the cumulative effect of this intelligent and attractive publicity by linking his own advertising with that of the campaign now in progress. A word to the wise usually is sufficient—it just depends upon how much real wisdom the wise possess.

In Paris the number of births in 1923 was 46,400, against 48,000 in 1922.

A large gyro-electric plant in Searsburg, Vermont, located far in the wilderness, regulates itself without human aid. It is wholly automatic in control and if serious trouble arises its mechanism, it shuts down and stays shut down until experts make things right again. It has a capacity of 6500 horse power.

SIKESTON MAN ESCAPES THRU ARMY RECORD

Danville, Ill., March 20.—A good record in the world war was about all that saved Thomas G. Greer, a member of the United States Aviation Corps, from a term in the Leavenworth prison when he entered a plea of guilty before Judge Walter Lindley of the United States District Court.

Greer, a resident of Sikeston, Mo., was stationed at Kelly Field, near San Antonio, Tex., last summer and was transferred to West Frankfort, Ill., to look after some special work. He telegraphed transportation for a girl at St. Louis to meet him at West Frankfort, and the arrest followed.

Greer, who had already served 112 days in jail awaiting trial, was given sixty additional days.

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ENGLISHMAN VISITS GRAVE OF EDGAR ALLEN POE

At the back of the market place in Baltimore, Md., by the side of a church that seems visibly to be sinking into the earth, lies the grave of Edgar Allen Poe. Upon the tombstone are certain tributes, but they are French. There is no tribute from his own country, America.

It was a gray, drizzling day when I visited the grave. I had gone shopping with my hostess at the market, and she said that we would visit the grave on the way back to the house. Fresh from the atmosphere of meat, fish and flowers, we came to the old church—Westminster Presbyterian church, at the corner of Green and Lafayette streets. Just inside the iron railing, a few feet from the curb, lies the present grave. But none of the passers-by stopped to look at it. To be precise, no one stopped until they saw us examining it, and then they looked at us in a sort of wonder.

I found the negro sexton at a side entrance, talking to a white idler. When I mentioned that my hostess and I wished to see the grave more closely he broke away from his companion readily enough, for he associates the grave with baksheesh, tips. All he knows is that for some inexplicable reason a few people come to visit this particular grave, and that if he is attentive they usually leave certain coins in his palm.

"Come right troo—right troo" he ejaculated. And we followed at his heels through the crumbling church, came by the side of the pulpit, thru a small room hung with childish pictures—"Dis yer's the chillun' little kindergarten", explained our guide—and out into the graveyard on the left hand side of the church.

Out of the wet grass rose a tombstone bearing this legend: "Quoth the Raven, Nevermore. Original burial place of Edgar Allen Poe from October 9, 1849, until November 17, 1875. Mrs. Marie Clemm, his mother-in-law, lies upon his right and Virginia Poe, his wife, upon his left, under the monument erected to him in this cemetery". Below the quotation is a crudely carved figure of a raven. On the left of this stone was another which set forth that it marked the burial place of David Poe, senior, "patriot and grandfather of Edgar Allan Poe, born in Londonberry, Ireland, in 1743. Died in Baltimore, October 17, 1816."

When I had copied the inscriptions the negro sexton proceeded to lead the way to the grave in which Poe now lies. We passed under the church through a sort of cellar containing the heating apparatus. Hot water pipes ran over and between vaults marked with various names. On one vault, inscribed with the name of

Brown, I perceived in the gloom a large wreath with the French colors and a large gilt crown. The sexton informed us that the late Brown had been the richest man of his time in Baltimore, and I reflected that he must have been held in high esteem, since his fellow citizens had conferred a wreath and crown upon his vault.

We came out into wet grass again on the right hand side of the church. Here were more vaults. Finally we came to the present grave of Poe.

Standing in the gray drizzle, our coats turned up round our ears, we beheld a stone with a bronze plaque on one side thus inscribed: "A la memoire d'Edgar Allan Poe eternellement cher dans les coeurs de ses amis Francais". This plaque, it appears, was sent by the French Literary Society. Another side of the stone bore a wretchedly carved bust of the dead poet, and several grotesque looking lyres had been hacked out above.

"That there was brought by a French count", said the sexton, apropos of the plaque. And now the mystery of the crown and the wreath on the vault of the late Brown was to be explained. "That wreath and crown was brought by the count too", said the sexton. "When it rains Ah put um inside on that other vault."

We placed some flowers on the grave, took a couple of snapshots—no pictures are on sale in the shops—and went away in the drizzle, leaving some baksheesh in the black hand of our guide.

We went away wondering what Poe would think of it all—the crumbling Presbyterian church, the dreary graveyard, the negro sexton, the absence of any American tributes, the hanging of his French wreath and crown on the vault of the late Brown, richest man of his time in Baltimore. —Rex Hunter in the Bookman, London.

Free Smoke

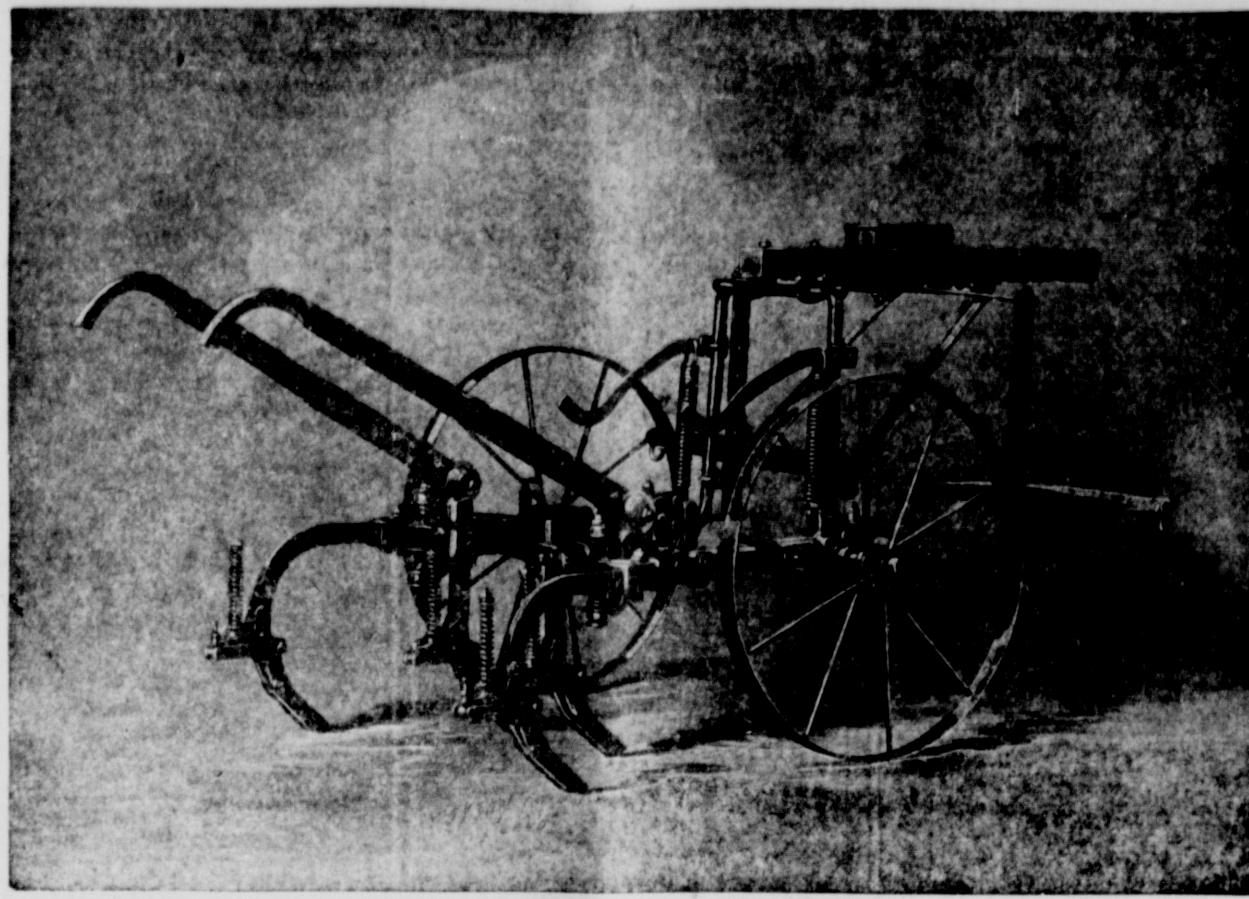
A wily old Scot at one time had occasion for a long railroad journey. Scarcely had he become comfortably settled in a corner of the smoker when a stranger entered and seated himself by his side. For a time there was silence between them, while from all sides clouds of tobacco smoke rose into the already heavily laden atmosphere.

The stranger, seeing a cigar in the old man's pocket, turned to him and said:

"My man, why don't you smoke your cigar?"

The old fellow looked about cautiously before replying.

"Hush, mon!" he whispered. "Can ye nae see I'm getting all this smoke free?"—Everybody's Magazine.



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The American members of this committee are paying their own expenses in Europe, are no obligated to any foreign power and are not hampered through fear of overstepping some point of diplomatic etiquette. The neutrality and independence of both men has made them outstanding figures in this work for world rehabilitation. Unconcerned with political expectations and anxieties of the various European governments, they have been able to play a dominant part in shaping the course of the expert's work.

Dawes, puffing his pipe and occasionally hammering the table, makes his points efficiently and keeps the committee seeking a purely business solution. Young coolly handles the matters as though he were dealing with an ordinary business problem in the board room of a corporation. The keen directness of the men has inspired confidence and also admiration.

Five years of political jealousies and intrigue have almost wrecked Europe. A few weeks of business consideration of its problems by competent men will evolve a business-like solution of the questions at issue, which European kings, presidents or premiers will not dare disregard.

The activities of Dawes and Young are having a greater effect on Europe today than the work of any American since Woodrow Wilson.

Allow the water to run a few minutes every morning before filling the kettle. Water that has been in lead pipes all night is unwholesome.

A tablespoonful of milk in which a little brown sugar has been dissolved will glaze cakes and pastry just as well as the white of an egg.

To remove mud stains from black silk or woolen dresses, let the material become perfectly dry and then brush off the mud. Any stain that remains should be washed with a piece of flannel dipped in hot coffee to which a little ammonia has been added.

A Real Shipping Board

The act of Congress creating the federal Shipping Board especially provides that anyone having a direct interest in a shipping corporation shall be ineligible.

Hence we find advertising men, criminal lawyers, professional politicians, anything but practical and experienced professional shipping men on the Board.

Retired Senators and other federal office holders have composed its membership in the past and our country's four billion dollar investment in ships has been lucrative as a political plum tree.

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Could railroads, public utilities or great industries be managed by other than experts in those lines and succeed?

Would not public ownership or control of such industries mean the same kind of management as in the shipping board, with resulting heavy losses to taxpayers?—Industrial News.

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1 mare mule, 7 years old, 16 hands
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Supremely Unavailable

Unless the Republican party is desirous of committing suicide it will not renominate Calvin Coolidge. It did not nominate President Arthur at the conclusion of his accidental service as President; it never occurred to it that no one but Mr. Arthur could uphold the standard of the party in the campaign of 1884. To maintain, as so many do, that Mr. Coolidge must be nominated merely because he is the incumbent is preposterous. The favorable votes of party conventions in Minnesota and Iowa mean little. When the national convention is at hand the Republicans will hardly court deliberate defeat by selecting this man whose whole record shows that he is grossly inadequate to the tasks to which he has fallen heir, who has failed utterly to rise to the need of the hour, and at this writing stands convicted by his own telegrams of being a cordial friend of the group which is responsible for the existing shame of the republic. We do not mean to insinuate that he has connived deliberately at wrongdoing. But there is no escaping the fact that he has shown the grossest misunderstanding of the gravity of the situation. A man able and willing to continue to associate on friendly terms with Mr. McLean after his confession that he had deceived the Senators investigating the oil transaction is obviously unfitted for the office of President. Mr. Lodge would have served Mr. Coolidge, their party and the country better if, instead of defending the President, he had frankly stated it as his opinion that Mr. Coolidge, their party and the country better if, instead of defending the President, he had frankly stated it as his opinion that Mr. Coolidge would do well to retire from the presidency.—The Nation.

Ohio has more United States pensioners than any other state.

Boil the silver spoons in the water in which the potatoes have been boiled, then rub them with a chamois or soft linen. This is an easy way to keep the small silver bright.

The income from money invested in tax-exempt securities escapes all forms of taxation, thus adding greatly to the tax burdens of other investments and business enterprises.

MEN IN SUBMARINE DESCRIBE EXPERIENCE

Tokio, March 20.—Graphic descriptions of the emotions of eighteen men facing a slow death from suffocation are being received by underwater telephone from survivors trapped within the Japanese navy submarine 43, resting on the sea bottom off Sasebo Harbor, according to dispatches today to the Navy Department here from the Sasebo naval base.

Through the underwater telephone communication which has been established it was determined that 24 men and two officers, one of them Commander Kuwasima, perished when the forward compartment was flooded as a result of the shattering of the conning tower in a collision yesterday with the warship Tatsuta. Two engineer officers and 16 men still are alive, and by means of the telephone vivid stories of their sufferings are being heard by rescue workers on warships standing by.

Ten divers today were striving to attach chains by which the submarine could be pulled up with heavy winches.

The collision which sent the craft to the bottom in 26 fathoms of water occurred just as the submarine was coming to the surface with her periscope showing.

Doubtful Motives

In the family that had moved next door to the Smiths was a boy about seven years old. The Smiths had a little girl, Virginia, just the same age. Everyone expected the children to become playmates at once, but almost a week passed before they noticed each other. Then the boy came over to play with Virginia. Virginia, however, immediately went into the house.

"Why, what's the matter, Virginia?" her mother asked. "I thought you had been wanting to play with the new boy."

"Well, I did at first," Virginia admitted, "but I don't care so much about it now, at least not today."

"Why don't you want to play with him?" mother asked.

"Oh, mamma!" Virginia exclaimed. "He's had a whole week to come over here and hasn't done it. Now I've got so I don't care whether he comes or not."—Kansas City Star.

Just before putting the meringue on a pie stir in two tablespoonfuls of boiling water. This will keep the meringue from running.

MELLON USED LOWER OF TAX ESTIMATES

Washington, March 20.—Interest in the Senate Finance Committee's consideration of the revenue bill approved by the House turned again today to the approaching fight on the income tax rates.

A report submitted to the committee by Undersecretary Winston of the Treasury showed the Treasury in its estimates as to the probable revenue which would be collected next year, and on which it figured the surplus available for tax reduction, had used the lower figures of two different estimates.

If the maximum estimates had been used it showed that \$88,415,000 more would be collected in the fiscal year 1924 and \$248,415,000 more in the fiscal year 1925 than under the figures accepted by the Treasury. The Treasury had figured on the basis of the lower estimates that a surplus of \$329,000,000 would be available in the fiscal year 1924 and \$395,000,000 in the following year, the first in which the new revenue law would apply.

The higher estimates on prospective receipts for the next two years were prepared by Joseph McCoy, government actuary, the report showed. The accepted estimates were submitted by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. McCoy's estimate as to probable collections in customs were accepted for the fiscal year 1925 and were \$82,000,000 below the estimates of the director of customs, whose estimates for probable receipts in 1924 were used.

The report was submitted to the committee without comment.

Representative Garner of Texas, ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, who previously had asked the Treasury for tax rate estimates, declared today that the report submitted to the Senate committee shows conclusively the Secretary of the Treasury has several sets of estimates and uses those which will best suit his argument.

The withdrawal of non-beverage whiskey during the calendar year of 1923 was only 1,696,360 gallons as compared with 27,381,365 gallons in 1919, according to Prohibition Commissioner Haynes.

The tomb of Virgil is to be purchased by the government of Italy. The surrounding plot, transformed into a garden of the Gæco-Roman style, with laurel, myrtle and roses, will become a shrine for lovers of the poet.

MONDAY

famous once in the calendar

Now just a day in the week

Turn back the calendar a century or so and you'd find yourself in an era of famous Mondays.

For instance, in England, there was Plough Monday, when farmer lads held festival; Collop Monday, when school-boys penned verses to Bacchus; Mace Monday, with its feasts of bacon and beans; Black Monday, Fat Monday, Bloody Monday, and many more.

Finally, here in America, there was "Blue Monday", observed by women every week—not with feasts and merrymaking, but with fatiguing toil, with tiring rubbing and scrubbing and lifting. For "Blue Monday" was washday.

But today—who remembers all these famous Mondays? Plough Monday, Mace Monday and the rest are scarcely mentioned outside of books on antiquities. And the "Blue Monday" that was washday has become—well, just a day of the week.

For our modern laundry has brought to hundreds of women both relief from the worst of household drudgery and, too, the advantage of five washdays. Now hundreds of women send their bundles to the laundry on Thursday and Friday; other hundreds on Tuesday and Wednesday; while some still prefer the old-fashioned Monday.

Naturally, every woman who uses the laundry has benefited. Prompt, dependable delivery, better work, lower prices—all these are results of the five-washday practice.

This has also enabled our laundry to offer a far wider variety of services. If you desire it, there is a complete all-around service. If you prefer to do some of the ironing yourself, there are a number of semi-finished services. And if you would rather do all the ironing at home, with just the washing cared for by the laundry, such a service is available.



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